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The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MAZIE K. HIRONO, a Senator from the State of Hawaii.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Oh, Lord, as our lips are open in prayer, so may our hearts be open to receive Your Holy Spirit. Help us to bow to Your will and live lives devoted to Your providential leading.

Lord, bless our Senators in their work. Let faith, hope, and love abound in their lives. Help them to seek to heal the hurt in our world and to be forces for harmony and goodness. Remind them that they will be judged by their fruits and that You require them to be faithful. May they seek to serve rather than be served, following Your example of humility and sacrifice.

We pray in the Name of Him who is our refuge from life's storms. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 11, 2022.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable MAZIE K. HIRONO, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,  
President pro tempore.

Ms. HIRONO thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Ashish S. Vazirani, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

#### U.S. SUPREME COURT

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, since the Senate was last in session, our Nation's highest Court finished its term. It was an absolutely historic series of victories for the American people and for the Constitution—the single best Supreme Court term in nearly 70 years, since *Brown v. Board* overturned *Plessy* in 1954.

For the first time in modern history, there is a textualist and originalist majority on the Court—Justices who understand the job of a judge is to fol-

low the law as it is written, who understand they are there to faithfully apply what our statutes and our Constitution actually say and leave everything else to the people and their elected representatives. This is the kind of judiciary that the rule of law requires, that our system of government demands, that a diverse society needs.

Last month, the Court corrected one of the most egregious legal and moral mistakes of the 20th century. Only seven countries in the entire world allow elective abortion-on-demand past 20 weeks, but until 2 weeks ago, past Supreme Courts had mistakenly decreed that the Constitution forced America to be one of them. All 50 States had to handle this issue like China and North Korea. No State was allowed to handle it even like France or Germany.

Of course, there is no command like that in our Constitution, and that is what the Court finally recognized. There is nothing in the Constitution that forces us to be a radical, global outlier on abortion. The American people finally have their freedom back to enact commonsense protections for unborn life.

Millions of Americans spent nearly half a century working, marching, and praying for this landmark day. It has been an honor to stand with them throughout the journey that led to June 24, 2022, and to continue to stand together. The Court's ruling in *Dobbs* is not only a huge victory for innocent life, it is a historic triumph for the rule of law itself.

Even liberal legal experts, including the late Justice Ginsburg, said the Court's abortion precedents were badly reasoned.

Liberal Yale law professor Akhil Amar, just this May, wrote:

I am a Democrat who supports abortion rights but opposes *Roe* . . . In the eyes of many constitutional experts across the ideological spectrum, it [lacked] solid grounding in the Constitution.

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Now, Washington Democrats have taken pains to ignore that. Remember, their party has become jaw-droppingly extreme on this issue. More than 60 percent of Americans support restrictions after 15 weeks. Only 19 percent of Americans want abortion on demand until the moment of birth, but 97 percent of Washington Democrats support precisely that; 97 percent of Washington Democrats are with less than one-fifth of the country on this issue. So Democrats are desperate to change the subject. Many are not even trying to argue with the decision but have pivoted to claims about all kinds of unrelated issues, but this is nonsense.

Here again is Professor Amar, the arch-liberal from Yale Law, writing, again, back in May:

Does Justice Alito's draft, as many are now claiming, inflict collateral damage on other areas of constitutional case law, such as the Warren Court's precedents on contraception and interracial marriage? It does not. In fact, the Dobbs draft reinforces these iconic opinions by explaining why they were [actually] right.

From top to bottom, this ruling was a gigantic step forward for human dignity and for the rule of law. The Justices tuned out the mobs and attempted violence, tuned out the threats from politicians, and simply followed the law where it clearly led.

This historic achievement was just one part of the most consequential Supreme Court term in seven decades. I will have more to say on this subject this week.

#### INFLATION

Now, Madam President, on an entirely different matter, "people have literally become poorer, by any concept, over the last year . . . It should not be a mystery why people are worried."

That was top liberal economist Jason Furman last month, and he was right on both counts.

Democrats' reckless inflationary spending has already slapped what amounts to a gigantic tax hike on working American families. One recent poll found more than 90 percent of Americans said they are concerned about inflation; 70 percent said they are very concerned. Consumer confidence was at a near decade low, and fewer than one in three Americans approves of what President Biden is doing about it.

But, apparently, when Washington Democrats survey this dismal scene, they see a mandate for yet another massive trillion-dollar tax hike. I am not making this up. Democrats created a runaway inflationary tax hike with their reckless spending last year, 2021, and now they want to come after the American people a second time with a huge, new tax hike.

In other words, Democrats have already picked the American people's pockets once, and now their solution is to pick your pockets a second time—first with inflation and now with tax hikes.

The policies that are being floated are ruinous—the worst possible mix to thrust onto a country that is already teetering on the brink of recession. We are hearing proposals for a gigantic tax hike on small businesses, so-called passthroughs. Well, one think tank has found that about 95 percent of all American businesses are passthroughs. About three-quarters of all of the small-scale employers in the Nation are categorized this way: 95 percent of American businesses are passthroughs.

This would hammer all kinds of States. Just to pick one, for example, nearly half of all of the employment in the entire State of West Virginia is at passthrough firms. Half of the people working in West Virginia work for passthrough firms—half of all of the jobs in the State of West Virginia. And these are the firms that Democrats want to hammer with gigantic tax hikes?

But the bad ideas don't stop there. Exactly as the war in Europe is re-teaching Americans and our allies about energy independence, Democrats are floating a giant, new tax specifically on natural gas, which they call a methane fee. One analysis has found this one policy would bleed between \$40 and \$66 billion out of our country every year, and you had better believe that these artificially higher energy costs will get passed right along to consumers.

This is what Democrats want to do in States like West Virginia—giant tax hikes on small businesses and fossil fuels? It is like they are not content watching the recessionary warning signs and are trying to make absolutely sure that we get a recession—a recession—on their watch.

Now, it is not as though there is any shortage of real, important work Congress could and should be tackling on a bipartisan basis instead of these awful ideas, but this party-line scheming is going to crowd that out.

For example, Democrats moving ahead and trying to jam the Senate and the country with a party-line tax hike through reconciliation will certainly crowd out our ability to process the bipartisan USICA bill aimed at competing with China. Our side cannot agree to frantically steamroll through delicate bipartisan talks in order to meet an artificial timeline so our Democratic colleagues can clear the decks to ram through a party-line tax hike.

A business owner couldn't bargain in good faith with a customer who had already announced he plans to rob the store. We can't negotiate the finer points of a nuanced economic policy in a bipartisan way only for Democrats to immediately turn around and redesign the entire economy along pure party lines. Of course, that can't work. And what about the other governing priorities that Democrats are neglecting?

What about the National Defense Authorization Act? The House is advancing their version of this important leg-

islation this week. Will Senate Democrats neglect the NDAA like they did last year? That would say a lot about their actual resolve to compete with China.

Now is a terrible, terrible time to paralyze the Senate by trying to tax us into recession on a partisan basis.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority whip.

#### U.S. SUPREME COURT

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, it is little wonder that the Senator from Kentucky is praising the Supreme Court. More than any other Member of the U.S. Senate, he has been instrumental in choosing the members of this Court and has gone to lengths unseen in the history of the U.S. Senate to reach that goal.

Remember Merrick Garland, the nominee of President Barack Obama, whom this Senate leader, the Senator from Kentucky, refused to meet with or even consider for his nomination for almost a year? That is right—he kept a vacancy on the Supreme Court for more than 8 months so that he could perhaps see his prayers answered and a Republican President be elected.

Well, it happened. Donald Trump won. Merrick Garland had no chance to even be considered. Barack Obama was denied the authority given to him as President during his last year of his term, and the Senator from Kentucky waited patiently until he could bring to the Court Justice Gorsuch, a conservative to his liking.

That wasn't the end of his effort to make the Supreme Court what he wanted it to be. At the end of the Trump term, there was another vacancy on the Court with the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and at that point, the Senator from Kentucky decided to break the rules in the opposite direction. It wasn't a slowdown this time in filling the vacancy; it was an acceleration, a speedup. In that instance, they broke most of the precedents in the Senate in terms of considering Supreme Court nominees for Amy Coney Barrett. So President Trump was able, thanks to the complicity of the Senator from Kentucky, to appoint three members of the Supreme Court.

The rulings in the last several weeks are just what the Senator from Kentucky and others have prayed for: a reversal of the rights of American families across the board. Basically, the right to access to reproductive freedom for women in this country was attacked in a way that few thought would ever happen, and now we are living with the consequences.

The Senator from Kentucky just said Democrats are trying to change the subject. I am not changing the subject. There will be a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee tomorrow on this decision by the Supreme Court on overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

I want to say it is interesting that when the Senator from Kentucky is

looking for moral and academic support, he turns to an unheard-of professor from Yale to quote. He uses that professor as a source to say: Don't worry. Just because we took away the freedom of women when it comes to their reproductive health, we are not going to go so far as to address any decisions on contraception, family planning, and the like.

Well, I might recommend to the Senator from Kentucky that he read the decision in *Dobbs* overturning *Roe v. Wade* and the concurring opinion from Justice Clarence Thomas, which said specifically that very thing. Now, he said, that we have done *Roe v. Wade*, it is time to look at cases that address the issue of privacy, the issue of same-sex marriage, and the issues of contraception, explicitly using those words.

So to suggest that some Yale professor should be trusted more than this Justice on the Court who has given us fair warning is hard to understand.

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Madam President, there is also this talk about the Democrats in favor of a tax hike. Let me put this in perspective. The Democrats are trying to achieve something that the vast majority of the American people want desperately: Find a way to control the spiraling cost of prescription drugs.

I can't think of a single issue more popular with the American people—Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—and so the Senators have been working on it. Senator SHAHEEN, Senator SCHUMER, Senator MANCHIN, and others have been discussing ways to reduce the cost of insulin to no more than \$35 a month. Wouldn't that be a break for the millions of diabetic Americans who many times have to cut the amount of insulin that they use because they can't afford it, to have affordable, lifesaving medicine? Isn't that something we all should applaud? And doesn't it reduce costs overall for us to bring down the spiraling cost of prescription drugs?

The Senator from Kentucky talks a lot about the cost American families are facing. We know that is a fact. One of the first things they will identify is the cost of prescription drugs. We want to do something about it. The Senator from Kentucky has said no, he won't support this effort to corral in these costs of prescription drugs as long as there is an increase in taxes.

It turns out the increase in taxes were the Trump tax cuts for the wealthiest people in America. Yes, I think they ought to pay more in taxes, and if their paying more in taxes means that families pay less for prescription drugs, sign me up for it, and sign most Americans up for it. The notion of tax hikes on the wealthiest people in this country does not strike me as inflationary; it strikes me as common sense if it is then turning into lower prescription drug prices for American families.

#### HIGHLAND PARK SHOOTING

Madam President, on June 8, 15 days after their 10-year-old daughter Lexi

was murdered—murdered—at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, TX, Kimberly and Felix Rubio testified before the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

In their testimony, Kimberly and Felix recalled the last time they ever saw their daughter. There was a school assembly. Lexi had received a Good Citizen Award and had been recognized for receiving straight A's. The family said: We are going to celebrate tonight. We are going to take the whole family out for ice cream, her parents told her. She was overjoyed. Then they said goodbye and sent her off to the classroom.

Less than an hour later, in Uvalde, TX, an 18-year-old man armed with a military-style assault rifle stormed into Lexi's fourth grade classroom and shot and killed her and 18 of her classmates, along with 2 teachers who tried their best to protect the kids. It was the deadliest school shooting in America in the decade since Sandy Hook in Connecticut.

In her remarks to Congress, Lexi's mom Kimberly issued a prophetic warning. She said:

There's a mom listening to our testimony thinking, "I can't even imagine [the pain of this family]"—not knowing that our pain will one day be [her pain], unless we [do something] now.

That happened before our Fourth of July break, and I will have to tell you that there was an occurrence during that break, which I will never forget.

If I had to choose one town to take one of my kids or grandkids to for a Fourth of July parade, it would be Highland Park, IL. What a great little town it is. People really care in that town, and they care for one another. It is a beautiful little suburban community in Chicago. I happen to know the mayor, Nancy Rotering, personally, and I know how hard she works to make that a great town to live in.

Fourth of July was the day for their parade, and, as usual, thousands came out, carrying little American flags, proud of their country, wanting to celebrate not just America but Highland Park, that great community. Unfortunately, 1 week ago today, a young man armed with a military-style assault rifle climbed onto the roof of a building in Highland Park, IL, and, from his sniper's perch, opened fire on families gathered to watch the Fourth of July parade. Listen closely. He fired more than 80 rounds in less than a minute—80 rounds in less than a minute. He killed seven people and injured dozens more.

I called the mayor of Highland Park a couple hours after this happened. I was in Michigan on a family vacation and was on my way as quickly as I could drive back to Highland Park in my home State.

I reached Mayor Nancy Rotering and said: Can you tell me anything?

She said: It is horrible. It is terrible. We are still looking to find the shooter.

Can you imagine, she said they found a 2-year-old toddler wandering about,

covered in blood. Fortunately, that toddler, the little boy, hadn't been shot, but they were circulating photos of his face in the hopes that they could identify family members. They figured the worse—that little boy would be out alone because he had lost his parents.

Kevin and Irina McCarthy were among those victims on the Fourth of July. They went to the parade with that 2-year-old boy, whose name is Aiden. When the shooting started, Kevin placed his body over Aiden to protect him. He died protecting his son. His son's mother died right next to him.

Another parade-goer saw Aiden, his little legs smeared with his father's blood, and carried him to safety. The poor little boy could not even say his full name. They started searching for relatives and family. Aiden is now with his grandparents. He lost both his mom and dad at that parade.

Jacki Sundheim was a beloved preschool teacher at North Shore Congregation Israel. You should see the outpouring of letters talking about these people whose names I have mentioned here, how beloved they were in their community. Jacki was one of them.

Katie Goldstein went to the parade with her daughter Cassie. When the shooting started, Katie and her daughter starting running, but Katie was shot in the chest and fell. Cassie said she leaned over her dying mother and told her she loved her, but she couldn't stop running because the gunman was still shooting.

Stephen Strauss, what a story—a financial adviser who still worked full time at the age of 88 because he loved his work, and he loved life. He used to take the train in from Highland Park to downtown Chicago every single day. He and his wife Linda were 2 months shy of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Nicolas Toledo-Zaragosa came to Highland Park 2 years ago from Mexico to visit his family. He was in a wheelchair following a recent accident. He was shot in the chest and killed in that same wheelchair.

Eduardo Uvaldo was a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He and his wife had just celebrated their 50th anniversary. The Fourth of July was Eduardo's favorite holiday. He couldn't wait to go to the parade. He was shot in the back of the head and died 2 days later in the hospital.

Now there is an additional story I want you to hear. It is about this little boy. Cooper Roberts was among the 46 parade-goers who were injured. He went to the parade with his twin brother Luke and his mom and dad. He is 8 years old. He loves playing baseball and soccer. His brother Luke suffered shrapnel wounds in his arm, and his mom Keely was shot in her leg and in her foot.

I want to read from an article in the Chicago Sun-Times that was printed just within the last 2 days to tell you what has happened to this little boy.

The bullet that hit [this little boy] Cooper Roberts in the mass shooting at Highland Park's Fourth of July parade tore a "very perilous" path through his small body.

You see, the military-assault weapon which was used by the shooter is not just another gun; it is a military-style weapon. Smith & Wesson, which makes the weapon, advertised it as an M&P weapon. I didn't know what that meant. Now I do—military and police weapon. The bullets that leave that gun, shot from that gun, travel at two to three times the velocity of an ordinary gun. When they hit the human body, they don't just pass through it; they shred the organs in the body on the way out the other side.

For poor little Cooper who was shot:

[I]t caught his liver and esophagus, severed his spinal cord and caused so much internal bleeding that doctors had to take extraordinary measures to save his life.

Despite the horrific injuries, his doctors said Sunday that Cooper's condition has been stabilized. He was scheduled for more surgery Monday at the University of Chicago's Comer Children's Hospital.

The family put out a written statement that said:

He is in a great deal of pain—physically and emotionally—especially as the family had to share with him the devastating news that he is paralyzed from the waist down.

Cooper's twin and "best friend" Luke also was wounded, struck by shrapnel in his leg. Their mother, Keely Roberts, was injured as well.

Seven people were killed and dozens were injured. . . . The bullet that struck Cooper entered his upper abdomen, just below his diaphragm, "not his chest as originally believed," according to the doctors, who said it damaged the left side of his liver, his esophagus and his abdominal aorta. That last injury—

To his aorta—

was so bad that the doctors had to replace a section of the large blood vessel with a "synthetic graft in adult size so he can grow into it."

A hole in his esophagus was sewn closed, and the portion of his liver hit by the gunshot was repaired. The surgery planned Monday was for more repairs on his esophagus.

Cooper's abdomen was temporarily kept open with a "specialized vacuum dressing" because of the "severity" of his wounds and the number of blood transfusions he underwent, according to his family.

They said the bullet exited his back, severing his spinal cord. While he is paralyzed from the waist down, [they report he] suffered no brain damage and has experienced no effect on his cognitive function.

He was able to breathe on his own and speak by Friday after being kept on a ventilator for four days. He remains in serious condition.

"The family wishes to acknowledge and thank the many, many people—emergency medics, police, fire department, nurses and doctors and both hospitals—who did" [such extraordinary work].

I read the details of this because I want those who are following this debate to hear them and take a look at this.

What did he do wrong? He went to the Fourth of July parade with his mom and dad. I am sure he was as happy as you see him in this picture. And because a man with a military-

style rifle went berserk and fired on his family, his life has changed forever.

Why? Why do we put up with this in this country? This break—Fourth of July break—will always be remembered by me as not just another recess from the Senate but a moment when my State was under attack from the madness that we have in this country when it comes to weapons under the Second Amendment.

The Senator from Kentucky said earlier we need originalists, we need textualists in the U.S. Senate. The Presiding Officer has heard that many times.

Stick with the words of the Constitution. Just go back and find out what they meant. Let me read the Second Amendment so there is no question what it says:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Do you think, in their wildest imagination, the Founding Fathers conceived of a weapon that could fire off 90 rounds in less than a minute? At a time when you are dealing with muskets and it took minutes to load the musket even if you were skilled, do you think they even had that in a concept they could imagine? I don't.

Originalism? Keep and bear arms? How did it come to the point now where that has been a rationalization for the sale of a military assault weapon? AR-15s are the generic class of these weapons, these military assault weapons. I set out on a journey to figure out just how many there were in America. I started asking. The honest answer is people don't know. Somewhere between 10 and 20 million—10 and 20 million military assault weapons already sold in America. The total number of firearms in this country: 400 million for a nation of 350 million people, more than 1 firearm for every living American. That is the point we have reached.

And if you want the right to bear a firearm for sport or hunting purposes, count me as supporting that effort. It is a tradition in my family in the Midwest and many, but I can tell you this; it is a tradition which was treated very, very sensibly. Guns—and they were possessed by most members of my family—were always under lock and key for fear that a child could get their hands on it.

What is happening now when these young people below the age of 21 are turning around and buying these weapons?

And let's take a look at what the industry is doing with these weapons because it tells us the story of what is happening. According to the Gun Violence Archive, the Highland Park parade shooting was the 309th mass shooting this year in America—309 already in 27 weeks, more than 11 mass shootings each week, more than 1 a day.

What is a mass shooting? When four people are injured or killed by gunfire.

And while mass shootings get the most headlines, they are far from the only shootings in America. At least 220 people were killed and close to 570 others were injured in shootings over the Fourth of July weekend, according to the Gun Violence Archive.

We have come to accept this as the reality of life in America. Other countries look at us and shake their heads: How can these great Americans, as smart as they are, let this situation spin out of control?

Thirty miles south of Highland Park on the Fourth of July in the city of Chicago, 10 people were killed, 62 injured by gun violence over that weekend.

Now, the new bipartisan gun law, which the President highlighted today at the White House, passed last month. It didn't go as far as many of us liked, but it will save lives. And it certainly doesn't violate any aspect of the Second Amendment. It is the most significant gun law we have considered and passed in 30 years.

So what do you think if I ask you the question: What are the symbols of American freedom and independence? What would you say? Oh, the Declaration of Independence? I agree. The Constitution and Bill of Rights? Certainly. The Emancipation Proclamation? I might include that. Fireworks and a Fourth of July parade?

Well, let me show you what the marketing giants in the shooting industry have identified:

"Engineered to the specs of freedom and independence."

The MMR tactical rifle, part of the same class of weapons used by the killer in Highland Park—this is what one gun manufacturer, Mossberg, wants you to believe is the epitome of American freedom and independence. This is an actual ad for an AR-15-style semiautomatic assault rifle shown here. And, incidentally, it has a high-capacity magazine.

The shooter in Highland Park had three of these high-capacity magazines and was able to fire 90 rounds because of it. Take a look at this advertisement from the same industry telling civilians, "Use what they use"—use the same guns that soldiers and marines use in combat but use them, sadly, in towns like Highland Park, IL, and Uvalde, TX.

This ad is from a company called Daniel Defense. One of their semiautomatic assault rifles was used to murder those 19 children in Uvalde, TX. Daniel Defense semiautomatic assault rifles were also found in the room of the killer who murdered—murdered—60 concertgoers and injured more than 400 others at the Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas in 2017, the worst mass shooting in the history of the United States. But, with pride, they advertise these weapons.

These kinds of reckless ads for assault weapons didn't exist 30 years ago. That is when gun manufacturers looked into the future and saw a problem. They realized that Americans

weren't going out hunting like they used to or even sport shooting. So they had to create a new craving, a new appetite for a weapon. They needed to attract a new customer to new sorts of weapons. So they created ads like these, equating freedom and independence with these little killing machines.

It gets worse. Here is an ad for a new assault rifle that came out this year. The AR-15 is the weapon of choice, as I mentioned, for mass shootings. This is an ad for a JR-15, a junior AR-15. It is manufactured by Wee 1 Tactical. I am sorry to say it is an Illinois company. It is like an AR-15, but it is designed for kids—20 percent smaller and lighter. It is designed for children under the age of 18.

Look at the logos in this ad and look closely. They are the same logos that are imprinted on the weapon. They show these skulls of children with pacifiers in their mouths. You will find that same symbol on the gun that they sell.

Today, the tobacco companies are creating vaping products with flavors like cotton candy and gummy bears to hook kids on nicotine. This gun manufacturer uses cartoon skulls sucking on pacifiers to try to hook children on using military-style assault weapons. Those weapons belong not at towns like Highland Park but on the battlefield—not in our communities and certainly not in the hands of children.

Current Federal law affords the firearms industry broad and unjustifiable immunity from civil liability. What would you think if a major automobile manufacturer sold a car in this country and the brakes did not work? Should they be held liable? Few would question that. But if a gun manufacturer makes a gun that is inherently dangerous or negligently manufactured, that is dangerous in and of itself, the gun industry has bought immunity in the law at the Federal level so they cannot be sued for that dangerous product. Dangerous car? The manufacturer can be sued. Dangerous gun? No liability.

Current Federal law allows the firearm industry broad and unjustifiable immunity from civil liability, but that immunity is not unlimited. Firearms manufacturers do not have a license to recklessly peddle high-powered killing machines to those who should not have them. They should be held accountable, and, believe me, the Senate Judiciary Committee is going to look at that law.

These assault rifles, these weapons of war, are killing our kids and threatening our communities in Buffalo, Uvalde, Highland Park, and so many other places. The death tolls and the tragedies will continue to multiply until we act.

Madam President, I will close by saying today I saw our Governor, JB Pritzker, who came to the ceremony at the White House, together with Nancy Rotering, the mayor of Highland Park. I want to commend both of them for

their leadership, and I want to thank the first responders. One week ago, the night of the shooting, I finally made it to Highland Park and went through and thanked all of the first responders—the ATF agents who so quickly identified this rifle as belonging to the man who was ultimately charged. I say to my colleagues: Let's waste no time and put a director at ATF. We need him now more than ever.

And to all those who responded, gave up their Fourth of July and did what they were asked to do so many times, risked their own lives for the safety of others, our heartfelt thanks. We owe them everything. From the medical crews who turned around on an emergency basis and did such miraculous things for all the people who were injured, our thanks are there and will be forever.

But now it is our turn not just to praise those who showed courage but to show courage ourselves. Can we summon the courage to put an end to these military assault rifles and say that this is not part of any Second Amendment right in America; that these are killing weapons? Sadly, we have too many lost lives to show for it.

I will close with Cooper's picture again. This perfect little boy—8 years old—went to the Fourth of July parade to celebrate our country and be with his family, and his life will never be the same.

What are we going to do about it?

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. DUCKWORTH). The Senator from Illinois.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 676.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Owen Edward Herrnstadt, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2025.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 676, Owen Edward Herrnstadt, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2025.

Mazie K. Hirono, Brian Schatz, Alex Padilla, Benjamin L. Cardin, Jack Reed, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Tammy Duckworth, Angus S. King, Jr., Patrick J. Leahy, Chris Van Hollen, Catherine Cortez Masto, Gary C. Peters, Elizabeth Warren, Jacky Rosen, Ben Ray Lujan, Sherrod Brown, Tina Smith.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 908.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Kate Elizabeth Heinzelman, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 908, Kate Elizabeth Heinzelman, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mazie K. Hirono, Brian Schatz, Tim Kaine, Richard J. Durbin, Margaret Wood Hassan, Tammy Duckworth, Patrick J. Leahy, Christopher A. Coons, Jacky Rosen, Tina Smith, Angus S. King, Jr., Martin Heinrich, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Alex Padilla, Christopher Murphy, Catherine Cortez Masto.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 968.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Julianna Michelle Childs, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

## CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 968, Julianna Michelle Childs, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Richard J. Durbin, Richard Blumenthal, Alex Padilla, Christopher A. Coons, Gary C. Peters, Elizabeth Warren, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Baldwin, Tina Smith, Mark R. Warner, Edward J. Markey, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Martin Heinrich, Jeanne Shaheen, Sherrod Brown, Margaret Wood Hassan.

Mr. DURBIN. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, July 11, be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Iowa.

## HUNTER BIDEN

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, on May 9 of this year, Senator JOHNSON and I wrote to David Weiss, the U.S. attorney for the District of Delaware. Now, he happens to be in charge of the Hunter Biden criminal case. In that letter, we asked Mr. Weiss a series of threshold questions that Attorney General Garland has repeatedly failed to answer.

First, we asked whether Nicholas McQuaid is recused from the Hunter Biden case. As we have said publicly many times, McQuaid is conflicted because he worked with Hunter Biden's criminal attorney before he was hired as a top position in President Biden's Justice Department.

Second, we asked Mr. Weiss whether he or any of his employees have had any communications with McQuaid.

Third, we asked Mr. Weiss whether any of his employees, not just Mr. McQuaid, are recused from the Hunter Biden case.

We asked these questions because the Biden family is from Delaware and has extensive political connections. Notably, Hunter Biden told his business partners:

I'll bring suit in the Chancery Court in Delaware—which as you know is my home state and I'm privileged to have worked with and know every judge in the Chancery Court.

Does the Biden family have connections to anyone in Mr. Weiss's office? That seems to be a very fair question.

With respect to those three questions, Mr. Weiss didn't even try to answer. In fact, the Attorney General jumped in and answered on behalf of U.S. Attorney Weiss. But calling the Attorney General's letter an answer is an overstatement. It was another non-answer—essentially just words on a piece of paper that didn't say anything worthwhile.

So Senator JOHNSON and I also asked Mr. Weiss if he has received sufficient resources and support from the Justice Department to properly handle the Hunter Biden case.

Again, no answers.

One would think that the Department, and specifically Mr. Weiss, would want to tell Congress and the American public that the answer to that question is yes. The failure of Mr. Weiss to answer that very important question adds to the growing concern and public concern that the Justice Department is pulling the punches on the Hunter Biden case.

We also asked Mr. Weiss whether he has discussed the need for a special counsel or an independent counsel to properly investigate the Hunter Biden case.

Again, no answer.

The last question is more relevant today than when it was asked because the other week a voicemail was released reportedly from Joe Biden to Hunter Biden. In it, Joe Biden repeatedly left a message about a New York Times article that involved Hunter Biden's dealings with Ye Jianming. That business associate is closely connected to the communist Chinese regime.

Joe Biden told his son: "I think you're clear."

Well, that message appears to show that Joe Biden was aware of Hunter Biden's business deals and relationships. So the White House strategy for the President to continue to deny knowledge of these business relationships falls very flat.

On July 30, 2021, and on June 28, 2022, Senator JOHNSON and I wrote to the White House counsel. We wrote about then-Vice President Biden's use of non-government email to transmit government information to Hunter Biden. The White House counsel's office refuses to answer whether President Biden still communicates government business to Hunter Biden, among other questions that we posed.

So what do we get? More stonewalling.

Most recently, on July 7, this year, Senator JOHNSON and I wrote to the Attorney General, FBI Director, and U.S. Attorney Weiss. In our letter, we asked again about recusals of Hunter Biden's case. We also noted that recent report-

ing on Hunter Biden showed more connections between him and foreign nationals—this time, Russians and Ukrainians. Those additional links further support my and Senator JOHNSON's conclusion in our September 2020 Biden report that Hunter Biden's activity causes criminal, counterintelligence, and extortion concerns.

At the time, our findings were ignored or falsely labeled Russian disinformation by Democrats and by liberal media. We gave floor speeches on March 28, this year, March 29, this year, April 5, that introduced bank records connecting Hunter and James Biden to the communist Chinese regime. The same connections that we made in our 2020 report. Those bank records have proven to be authentic and, hence, aren't Russian disinformation.

For years, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle levied complaints against the Trump administration's Justice Department for the lack of transparency. Now, why aren't those same Democrat colleagues raising this concern about this administration not showing the proper transparency?

Congress has a constitutional responsibility to ensure the proper execution of, and compliance with, conflicts of interest laws and regulations. The failure of the Justice Department to comply with these rules will cause political infection to run rampant. And, of course, that will rot the core of the Justice Department and cast a cloud over everything that the Department of Justice does.

As I have said before, the Justice Department's failure to be transparent with the Hunter Biden criminal case and recusals related to it has cast a cloud over that investigation. So I ask: What is the Justice Department trying to hide?

The American people's concern about how the case has been managed, these concerns are very legitimate.

To Attorney General Garland, to Wray, and to Mr. Weiss, I strongly urge you to clear the cloud sooner rather than later.

## HIGHLAND PARK SHOOTING

Madam President, on another matter, I want to say a few words—I suppose too few words—about the tragedy that happened at Highland Park on July Fourth where seven souls lost their lives. On that day, a disturbed and troubled young man opened fire from a rooftop at crowds below who were attending that Fourth of July parade event.

Like many disturbed men before him, there was a long trail of warning signs. Police and prosecutors contacted him twice in 2019 when he was still a teen, including when he attempted suicide. We shouldn't bear to see these predictable signs anymore. I ask again this Congress to pass my EAGLES Act of 2021. This bill provides the proper training to recognize the signs of a person mobilizing to do violence and then give the opportunity to intercede before these bad acts take place.



There is a pattern to these tragedies, and we need to pass the EAGLES Act to make sure more people are aware of how to identify these young men and get them the help they need before we have another tragedy.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Madam President, on another matter, I had the privilege of spending time meeting with Iowa law enforcement during a recent break when the Congress was not in session. I met with them to hear directly what they are facing on the ground. I asked what support they needed from Congress and what challenges these people are facing.

Law enforcement faces too many problems, and we need to understand more how that affects their work and their morale. Do you know what I heard from these people? That recruiting new officers and retaining their current officers is a harder job for the chiefs to do than ever. In part, this is because young people are being told by leaders, even Members of Congress, that being in law enforcement is not an honorable profession. They are hearing that it isn't a career worth pursuing.

These Iowa officers asked me to speak with my fellow legislators to stop that kind of nonsense talk, and they happen to be right when they give us that advice, that we ought to honor the policemen today and law enforcement generally. There is no greater love than for a man to lay down his life for his community, and that sacrifice of personal safety for the well-being of others is what law enforcement embodies every day.

Recruiting and retaining good officers is also hard because of the increase in ambush attacks on law enforcement. Not only are citizens much less cooperative when dealing with law enforcement, but some are actually intentionally targeting and murdering our law enforcement personnel. Twenty twenty-one was the most dangerous year to be a law enforcement officer in the last two decades. Many officers in Iowa aren't volunteering for overtime anymore because it is too dangerous.

An ambush attack like this happened a few weeks ago in Los Angeles. Two officers responded to reports of a stabbing. When they knocked on the door, they were shot and killed by a gang member who was out on probation. He should have been already in jail, but he caught a huge break from progressive prosecutors in that city.

That wasn't the first time an officer was killed by a gang member in Los Angeles this year. This type of tragedy is getting replayed over and over again throughout the country, but we simply don't have good data on gang violence and on assaults on law enforcement, so we don't know the exact number of gang killings of policemen.

We need more data, which is why I am working on two pieces of legislation to improve data collection on both gang violence and assaults on law enforcement. The Senate Judiciary Com-

mittee will have a hearing on attacks on police to discuss these issues. I look forward to having it during that period. I hope my colleagues will stay on target and focus on the violence these brave men and women face and not use this as a forum to chastise police. We cannot wait any longer to talk about this issue and the effects it is having on our communities.

#### HONORING SERGEANT JOHN WILLIAMS AND DEPUTY SHERIFF AUSTIN "MELVIN" RICHARDSON

Madam President, while I am addressing this issue, I have some related and tragic news. Once again we in Iowa have a heavy heart as I recognize two Iowa officers who recently died in the line of duty.

Sergeant John Williams of the Coralville Police Department died from a medical issue while he was on patrol July 3. He was described by those who knew him as "an extraordinary officer, a friend, and a neighbor" and also a "fantastic family man and a true public servant." He was a fixture in the community as a 28-year veteran of the force, the longest serving sergeant with the Coralville Police Department—a department which said that Sergeant Williams' "knowledge, experience, and leadership will be near-impossible to replace."

Deputy Sheriff Austin "Melvin" Richardson perished on June 14 in a traffic collision. Deputy Richardson was a dedicated public servant in law enforcement for 15 years. He was an officer for Sidney, IA, and then joined the Fremont County Sheriff's Office in 2015, where he faithfully served since. Deputy Richardson truly fulfilled the meaning of a public servant. He was not only a member of law enforcement but also a volunteer firefighter for Percival and Sidney. He was described as a "staple" in the community, and he will be deeply missed.

Sergeant Williams is survived by his wife Kim; his four children: Brandon, Benjamin, Sarah, and Rebekah; as well as six grandchildren: Noah, Elijah, Elsa Adalyn, Kalliope, and Emma.

Deputy Richardson will be left behind by his wife Jennifer and three daughters, Bryxtol, Cheyenne, and Everly.

I say to all of them: Your sacrifice is honored and appreciated in your community and by your country. We thank you all.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Madam President, on to my last statement, it wasn't too long ago I came to the Senate floor to talk about the dangers of bad blue city policies, ideas like defunding and degrading the police, progressive prosecutors, and bail reform. These policies are dangerous for our citizens, our children, and our communities.

Well, a few weeks later, I am up here again with an update. Americans agreed with those statements I have made. Americans are concerned about the nationwide rise in violent crime, and they don't trust politicians who allow crime to continue. I don't blame

them, and most Americans don't blame them for being upset.

New York Governor Kathy Hochul was forced to change bail laws to allow judges to set bail for more repeat offenders and those accused of gun crimes. About 66 percent of the registered voters in New York overwhelmingly support that change that took place in New York. Why wouldn't they? Keeping dangerous criminals away from the innocent public makes our communities safer, and New Yorkers now know that and probably did always know it.

Across the country, in San Francisco of all places, another referendum on safety happened. Voters there recalled their progressive prosecutor, Chesa Boudin. Boudin refused to charge or prosecute certain violent crimes, like felony domestic violence. After only 2 years on the job, even liberal San Franciscans rejected his soft-on-crime approach, and he was fired. Why wouldn't they? Prosecuting dangerous criminals for the crimes they commit makes the community safer, and San Franciscans now know it.

Nationwide, it looks like Americans have cause for hope when it comes to violent crime. Compared to last year, many cities are a bit safer, but a few cities are getting worse, sadly to say. Why? Because they are still using the bad ideas that Americans are rejecting.

Homicides in Los Angeles are up compared to this time last year. Well, they have a progressive prosecutor, George Gascon.

Homicides in Washington, DC, are up. Well, we have police defunding to thank for that statistic. Now the city is trying to play catch-up to fix its mistake while their citizens are still in danger.

Homicides in Milwaukee are up. Well, they have bad bail reform policies. These policies led a dangerous man who should have been locked up run his car through a parade last year.

I will spend a few minutes focusing on bail reform.

We know that only a few hundred people commit most of the murders in any given cities. These criminals get arrested an average of 12 times. Most Americans know what logic tells us: Keeping people who commit crimes off the streets increases public safety. It seems pretty simple to me. If most crimes are committed by a small group of individuals who commit crimes over and over again and we can keep these repeat offenders away from innocent people, innocent Americans, then we should do just that. The best way to do this is through effective bail policies. The Federal bail system assesses the risk to society posed by the individual who is arrested. States would do well to mirror the Federal system.

Americans are paying the price for bad policies that they don't want. It is time to stop these terrible, progressive blue city ideas to make Americans safe again.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### USICA

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, during the immediate past recess, the bipartisan conference committee negotiations over the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act, otherwise known as USICA, have officially come to a screeching halt. It has been more than a year since the Senate actually passed this bill—more than a year.

Eight months later, House Democrats passed their own partisan bill, which looked more like the failed “Build Back Broke” agenda, rather than a serious attempt to protect our national security by countering the Chinese threat.

And earlier this summer, a conference committee was appointed and began negotiating a compromise bill that would finally fund the CHIPS Act and make other critical investments in our national security and competitiveness. Of course, the CHIPS Act was designed to try to bring back on shore American manufacturing of advanced semiconductors, which I will talk more about in a moment.

But with the CHIPS funding on the five-yard line, the majority leader, the Senator from New York, has tossed a grenade into the end zone.

And why would you possibly jeopardize such an important national security priority? Apparently, so Democrats can try to, yet again, pass their unpopular social welfare bill that doesn't even appear to have universal Democratic support. Forget the bipartisan bill to safeguard our national security; forget commonsense safeguards to protect our most critical supply chains; forget new American manufacturing jobs and big investments in States all across the country.

Senator SCHUMER has chosen to revive the “Build Back Broke” bill because we are just months from an election where polls suggest that his party is going to get swept out of control and then instead of majority leader, he will become the minority leader.

So let's take a moment to recall how we happened to get here. More than 2 years ago, Congress began working to bolster domestic semiconductor manufacturing and address a major supply chain vulnerability.

Semiconductors or microcircuits underpin all of the modern technology we depend upon every day: the cell phones in our pockets, the cars in our driveways, the tractors our farmers drive, and missile systems that our troops use abroad.

Chips keep us safe; they keep us connected; and they ensure that we have fresh food, clean water, and a way to

get to work every day. The United States relies on strong supplies of semiconductors, and we lead the way in chip design, but here is the kicker. While we lead the way in chip design, we outsource the actual manufacturing abroad.

That is right. We manufacture none of the world's most advanced chips—zero.

Seventy-five percent of these chips come from East Asia, and a whopping 90 percent of them are made in Taiwan. Given the explicit threat of war by the Chinese Communist Party against Taiwan, that is a grave cause for concern.

Furthermore, having just lived through a pandemic, consider what another pandemic or natural disaster might do to disrupt the supply chain of these critical semiconductors.

And when you consider the fact that global chip demand is expected to increase by 56 percent over the next decade, it is clear that the problem is going to get worse. A major disruption in our global chip supply would halt manufacturing on everything from laptop computers to cars, to anti-tank Javelin missiles being used in Ukraine against Russian aggressors.

This is a matter of both economic and national security, which is why addressing the chip shortage has been a bipartisan priority. In 2020, 96 Senators supported passing the CHIPS for America Act as part of the national defense authorization bill. That was way back in 2020.

And it took less than 6 months from the time it became law until the Senate passed a bill to fund the CHIPS Program. That bill was called the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act passed by the Senate with a vote of 68 to 32.

Despite the broad bipartisan support for the CHIPS Program, the House refused to pass the Senate bill not because it was a bad bill, but because it wasn't a partisan grab bag that provided billions for longstanding liberal policies.

Their “Build Back Broke” agenda was 6 feet under, and they saw a must-pass national security bill as a convenient way to resurrect it. Their partisan legislation known as the COMPETES Act, included handouts for labor unions, a key supporter for the Democratic Party. The labor bosses were promised some pretty big benefits that never came to pass, and this was the way that House Democrats saw to respond.

They also tacked on a range of unrelated partisan provisions, like an \$8 billion payment to a U.N. climate slush fund, which has provided more than \$100 million to China. The stated purpose of our efforts in USICA—the United States Innovation and Competition Act—has been to counter threats from China, not to subsidize them with taxpayer dollars, which apparently is what the House has chosen to do.

Well, throughout the conference committee process, Republicans have pushed back against the long list of un-

related and downright harmful provisions.

This bill should be about safeguarding our critical supply chains and strengthening our competitiveness, not doling out partisan political favors.

Negotiations have made progress, but, frankly, we are running out of time, and time is of the essence. Last month, more than 120 tech CEOs sent a letter to congressional leaders urging quick action on this legislation.

And we are seeing signs that a failure to act will lead to these critical investments being made not in the United States but outside of the United States, just the opposite of what we hoped to attain.

A company called GlobalWafers is planning to build a silicon wafer factory in Sherman, TX, that would create up to 1,500 jobs and produce 1.2 million wafers a month. These silicon wafers are an essential component of semiconductors.

But last month, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo said the CEO told her that the plan was contingent on Congress passing the CHIPS Act funding. Unless the funding is approved by the August recess, the company will scrap plans for the facility.

A couple of weeks ago, the CEO of Intel expressed a similar sentiment. He said the company could expand chip production in Europe instead of the United States if Congress fails to pass this funding.

So the stakes are high, as is the need to move quickly, but apparently none of that matters to the majority leader and House Democrats. They have chosen to ignore this rapidly closing window of opportunity and the national security risks associated with the current chip shortage.

They have chosen to ignore the jobs and investments this bill would bring to States all across this country. They have chosen to ignore the symphony of voices from across the spectrum who want to get this done.

And for what? Apparently, another unwanted and unnecessary partisan spending spree—this trillion-dollar proposal known as a reconciliation bill, which is a spinoff of Build Back Better, which I affectionately call “Build Back Broke.”

This proposal would attack oil and gas producers at a time when gas prices remain at record highs, and one of the most urgent needs of everyday, working American families is to bring down the price of gasoline at the pump so they can afford to take their kids to school and go to work.

Yet the partisan reconciliation bill that the majority leader contemplates bringing up would actually make that problem worse, not better.

This partisan reconciliation bill would also increase taxes on American families, as their budgets are already being pummeled by inflation. And it could be that we are already in a recession, technically defined as two quarters of negative GDP.



Well, one thing President Obama recognized back after the great recession of 2008, is it is not a time to raise taxes, and apparently the current Biden administration did not learn that lesson, nor did the majority leader.

This bill would simply make inflation worse, not better. Why the Democratic leader has prioritized partisan politics over sound, bipartisan policy is lost on me. Why he would elevate partisanship above national security is lost on me. And why he would show contempt for the challenges families are facing due to failed policies of the Biden administration is lost on me.

But now he is doubling down. His decision to pursue this partisan reconciliation bill won't just hurt families, it risks our ability to pass critical CHIPS funding on a timely basis.

To reiterate the words of the Republican leader: There will be no bipartisan USICA as long as Democrats are pursuing their reckless tax-and-spending agenda. Our Democratic colleagues cannot spend their mornings working on a purely partisan spending spree for the next 4 weeks and expect Republicans to work with them on a bipartisan bill in the afternoon.

We simply don't have time for these antics. Bipartisan conference negotiations require compromise and confidence that the person sitting across the table from you is negotiating in good faith.

Senator SCHUMER's tactics have jeopardized the good faith that has driven this process up until now.

From the beginning, what was originally known as Endless Frontiers to now the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act, or USICA—this has been a big bipartisan effort.

Two years ago, I introduced the CHIPS for America Act with Senator WARNER, the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee on which I sit, and a Democrat. We worked in good faith to get it signed into law as part of the national defense reauthorization act. And we all worked together—68 of us—to make sure that the bill was funded through the bipartisan U.S. Innovation and Competition Act.

And more recently, I have been trying to help broker an agreement that can get this bill signed into law as part of the conference committee process. My desire to fund the CHIPS Act has not changed, but Senator SCHUMER's choices have taken an already difficult job and made it nearly impossible.

He is trying to turn what has been a bipartisan process into a partisan exercise. I hope the Democratic leader will reconsider and will abandon his partisan spending spree so that we can spend the next 3 weeks passing the CHIPS funding as part of the USICA with broad bipartisan support.

This is a matter of national security and economic competitiveness, and it should not become a victim of partisan games.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OFFICER JEREMIAH JAMES STORY

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today with my fellow Senator from Arkansas, Mr. COTTON, to honor Jeremiah James Story, a Perry County Detention Center officer, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty last month.

Born in Conway, AR, Jeremiah was a 2020 graduate of Bigelow High School. Even as a young person, he was a dedicated public servant who loved his community and his country. In addition to working as a detention officer, he also served in the Army National Guard and aspired to become a State trooper. He wore his uniforms with pride and was passionate about giving back to others in a variety of ways. There was no gesture too small or unimportant for him to offer.

Jeremiah was also a man of deep faith, who never let pass an opportunity to share it with others. He devoted his life to following his Lord and Savior and was a longtime member of Riverview Baptist Church, where he routinely encouraged people he met to attend services with him.

With his Christian belief as his hope and guide, he demonstrated kindness and compassion for others and relied on the power of prayer to support and uplift others facing difficult situations.

Jeremiah's friends and family knew he was special and strived to live by the example that he set.

During a military training exercise last year, fellow troops recalled how Jeremiah suffered from trench foot, and while he was ordered to stay off his feet, he couldn't resist the urge to serve others. So in spite of instructions and consequences to his own recovery, he jumped up and filled water bottles for his fellow troops. That was the kind of person he was—a giver.

Those who served alongside him recalled the tough situations they experienced together. While it was taxing to be away from family and living in challenging conditions, Jeremiah did it with a smile on his face.

He served his community with tremendous care and devotion. We are so grateful for his example and willingness to do the tough and dangerous job of ensuring public safety.

At the young age of 21, he was taken far too soon. While his life on Earth was short, he left a lasting legacy through the way he treated, cared for, and loved others.

Even the inmates he was responsible for guarding appreciated his care and empathy. Several of them attended a memorial service for him to show their gratitude and their respect.

He will be dearly missed by many, including his closest loved ones, but his memory will live on as a hero who made a positive impact on all those whose lives he touched.

His death is a tragic reminder of the risk law enforcement officers face each day that they put on their uniform and leave the comforts of their homes and their loved ones to serve and to protect.

Senator COTTON and I are honored to pay this tribute to him to bring attention to his short but meaningful life and remember the noble calling he was willing to risk his life to answer.

I pray for his family, friends, and colleagues, as they mourn the fallen guardian who served others to the very end. May he rest in peace, and may God bless him and keep him and all those that he leaves behind.

I yield to Senator COTTON.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from Arkansas.

Mr. COTTON. Madam President, today, I join Senator BOOZMAN with a heavy heart to mourn the death of a young patriot and a selfless public servant.

Last month, Jeremiah Story, a member of the Arkansas National Guard and a correctional officer at the Perry County Sheriff's Office, died in the line of duty. Officer Story was only 21 years old. He worked at the Perry County Detention Center and hoped to one day become a State trooper.

He was known as an infectious source of joy among his friends and within his community, always uplifting those who needed cheering up and including those who felt left out. He was a devoted Christian who encouraged everyone to go to church and who shared the gospel with anyone who would listen. And he loved America, joining the Army National Guard as soon as he graduated from high school. Jeremiah Story was the type of selfless servant every young person should aspire to be.

Three weeks ago, Officer Story was in the process of booking a drug criminal at the Perry County Detention Center when the criminal pulled out a concealed pistol and shot Officer Story in the chest. He died soon thereafter at a Conway hospital, and the coward who shot him is now charged with capital murder, as he should be.

His murderer didn't get away with anything, didn't gain anything, didn't escape—nothing for this evil deed. He only snuffed out a bright, young, wonderful life.

He should know, and every criminal in our State should know, that justice will be rendered for this awful slaying.

In the aftermath of Officer Story's death, hundreds of Arkansans have come together to remember his life and mourn his loss. Among those who attended candlelight vigils for this special young man were the inmates at the Perry County Detention Center. The chaplain of the detention center said Officer Story was "loved by a lot of different people, not just outside but

inside.” He added that he had used Officer Story as an “example setter” for the inmates for the kind of citizen and man they could aspire to be if they turned their lives around.

Officer Story’s example lives on. Those who knew him, those who have just now heard of him, can draw inspiration for a life well lived. In 21 short years, Officer Story did more good and spread more joy than many others who have been blessed with many more years on this Earth.

He was a great Arkansan and a great American. May God bless and keep Officer Jeremiah Story, and may God console his family and friends in this time of grief.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

#### BORDER SECURITY

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, for over a year, officials in the Biden administration have operated under the assumption that if they keep repeating their far-left propaganda, they will be able to trick the American people into believing that everything is OK. Don’t believe what you see. Don’t believe what you are reading. Don’t believe what you are hearing from friends and neighbors. Just believe us. Everything is fine. Prices aren’t high. Crime is not high. The border is not open. Everything is just fine.

The problem is, Tennesseans know better than to believe this. They have figured it out. They know the economy is not in a good place. They know high gas prices are not Putin’s fault. They know that spikes in crime and drug overdoses—this is not normal. But most importantly, they know that standing aside and letting the country fall apart is not what a normal Presidential administration does; it is far from it.

The White House has worked overtime trying to convince the American people that reports of the chaos along our southern border are exaggerated. This is one of the most dangerous falsehoods the Biden administration has tried to sell, and here is why. In May—May, this month of May—this year, Border Patrol encountered more than 177,000 unique individuals trying to cross the border.

Border Patrol doesn’t have the manpower or the resources to control this wave of illegal immigration. I know it. I think my Democratic colleagues know it. Certainly the ones who have taken the time to go to the border know it. And, no doubt, the Biden administration knows it.

As I said, in May of this year, 177,000 different individuals were encountered trying to cross that border. Now, Tennesseans are very worried about this, and they want to know why the President is not worried about this. For goodness’ sake, he has never taken the time to go to the border. He has had five decades to go down there and look at the border, and he has never taken the time to do it.

It really is pretty simple for “we the people,” the citizenry of this country—the issue of whether the Democrats wish this country well is no longer up for debate. They know that the left has abandoned them, the people. They know that. They are seeing it every single day, whether they are shopping for groceries, filling up the car. They see it. They see it by the crime in the streets, the gangs. They know it. They see it with the human trafficking and the suffering and the drugs that are killing precious American lives.

Now, unfortunately, President Biden lost the opportunity to persuade the American people otherwise on day 1 of his administration when he chose to turn the American Southwest into a free-for-all. Since then, things have only gotten more dangerous.

During the first 4 days of this month, law enforcement officials arrested 3 members of MS-13, an 18th Street gang member, and multiple convicted sex offenders as they tried to enter the country. On July 6, they seized more than 1,000 pounds of meth from one single smuggler—that is right, one smuggler. Do you think the drug dealers are emboldened? Think about that—1,000 pounds of meth. So far this year, they have seized almost 8,000 pounds of fentanyl, which is enough to kill a small country.

Here is the question I would pose to the President: How many people and how many pounds of drugs made it in while Border Patrol agents were busy with the smugglers and criminals they managed to catch? Where did the “got-aways” go? What did the “got-aways” have with them?

Well, that is a rhetorical question. We know exactly where they went, and we know what they have with them. Do you know what, Madam President. They are coming to our own cities, communities, towns, our own backyards.

My Democratic colleagues may be happy to ignore the problem, but on behalf of Tennesseans, I will not ignore the problem. The threat is too great.

If you ask any law enforcement officer—any—they will tell you that this issue of the southern border is a matter of life and death. Not just on the border but in each of our 95 counties in the State of Tennessee—in each of our towns and cities—this open border is a matter of life and death. In Tennessee, our sheriffs and police chiefs want the border secured.

I have got to tell you, to so many Tennesseans, it is laughable—laughable—that a White House spokesman would stand behind that podium and look at the people and say: “The border is secure.” Who do they think they are talking to? Do they think that people are not watching the footage? Whether they are watching it on TV or streaming it or looking at it on social media, they can see that this border is not secure. They are talking to friends and relatives who live in a border State, who live along that border, and they

are telling them some of the horrific stories that they are witnessing every single day in their communities.

We know for a fact that the cross-border drug trade is alive and well. Who is getting rich off this open southern border? Take a guess. It is the drug cartels—the drug cartels—with enormous profits growing into a global organization. That is right—global.

So far this year, people from 150 different countries have come across our southern border. Chinese nationals are not trying to come in here on a visa. They don’t wish us well. The Chinese Communist Party is hard at work. The Chinese Communist Party is paying the cartels \$50,000 a pop to get people into our country that they want to by bringing them across the southern border.

The Tennessean, which is our newspaper in Nashville, TN, recently reported a truly horrific story about a multimillion-dollar crime ring that is operating right out of Middle Tennessee. That is right. The drug cartels are not fearful because Joe Biden has the welcome mat out: Border open.

The kingpin was working directly with the Sinaloa drug cartel. That is the one that primarily has the Arizona border. That is the one that is bringing a majority of the drugs through Arizona. They like to focus on fentanyl.

The traffickers who are working underneath this hoodlum are as brutally violent as their friends down in Mexico. We know they are responsible for multiple horrific assaults, kidnappings, at least one murder, and the mutilation of a 22-year-old woman. They are also linked to a local gang who terrorizes the streets of Nashville. That is right, a drug kingpin working directly with the Sinaloa cartel. That is what they are doing in Tennessee.

The violence does not stop at the border. The violence in this country increases because of that open border and because of the unwillingness of this administration to do anything about it. This violence is bleeding into every town, every State, and it will not stop until we have leaders in the White House and an administration who are willing to put themselves in between these monsters and the American people.

The fact that we can’t talk about this without provoking hysteria in the ranks of the Democratic Party tells me we are heading in the wrong direction, but don’t take my word for it; just read a number of polls that are out there. I hope the President takes to heart that 33-percent job approval rating that the New York Times reported on today. That is about as significant a message as could be sent to this administration. Only 33 percent of the American people approve of what this administration is doing.

This administration has normalized things that even 5 years ago would have shocked the conscience of your average Democrat. We talk about spending in trillions of dollars now—a

trillion here and there, \$6 trillion for COVID, and let's spend another \$2 trillion on "Build Back Broke." The numbers just keep piling up. We talk about apprehending 170,000 people at the border in a month—not in a year but in a month. We talk about drug seizures in measures of pounds, not ounces.

I was talking with one of our sheriffs in Tennessee, and we were talking about this issue.

He said: You know, Marsha, we used to apprehend drugs, and it would be in grams or it would be in ounces, and now nearly every seizure is in pounds.

That is the change. The drug cartels are not fearful of being caught or stopped at that border. They have figured it out.

Sadly, this is life in Joe Biden's America, but none of this—none of it, nothing, not one part of what you are seeing in Joe Biden's America—is compatible with an optimistic vision for the future, with that phrase "a more perfect Union," "equal justice," "equal opportunity"—none of it. Why? When Tennesseans look at what Joe Biden and the Democrats are doing, what they are seeing is a political machine acting like they are on a deadline. They are burning through an agenda that the American people did not ask for and they definitely do not want.

Do they want higher taxes? Absolutely not.

Do they want an open border? They have said time and again, no.

Do they want higher crime? No.

Do they want drugs—fentanyl—killing 71,000 Americans in a year? No. No.

Do they want the highest inflation that we have had in 40 years? No.

Do they want a foreign policy that doesn't work? We have a disaster in Afghanistan. We have the Chinese Communist Party, after we have Russia and Putin out here, acting like they are in control. We have the axis of evil—Russia, China, Iran, North Korea—out trying to recruit friends and allies into their axis of evil to not wish us well. Is that what the American people want? No, it is not.

Do they want mandates? Do they want lockdowns? No, they do not. That is not what they want.

The people of this country still have a vision for the future, but it is hard to keep hope alive when the people in control of the government have, obviously, lost control of this country.

I love going around Tennessee, and I love having great conversations with people who will tell you they are Democrats or Republicans. They want to know if the Democratic Party is delusional. Are they obsessed with a socialist agenda? Are they out of touch with what it feels like to not have money to fill up the gas tank, to not have money to buy that full bag of groceries?

The idea that their President would allow our border to be open to drug cartels and smugglers to take advantage of us, the people, terrifies Tennesseans, but it is also something that

makes them angry because they know Joe Biden could do something about this if he wanted to. They know that the Democratic Party, which runs everything in this town—the House, the Senate, the White House—could do something about this if they chose to.

Law enforcement, Border Patrol, and advocates who work with drug addicts and the victims of human smuggling are in almost unanimous agreement on a few points.

First, what I have heard from them is this President, President Biden, must keep title 42 in place until there is a plan for how they would replace it. Title 42 is essential. This President must embrace a Remain in Mexico policy, and this President must do what the Border Patrol has asked to be done for three decades, and that is to build the wall and give them the tools they need to get their job done. These are all of the things that President Biden could choose to do right now.

So why is he refusing to take action?

If you know, the American people would really like to have an answer because they look at the chaos coming from this administration, the chaos at the border, and the chaos on our streets, and they know that this country deserves better.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Hawaii.

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the scheduled vote occur immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### CLOTURE MOTION

Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The bill clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 599, Ashish S. Vazirani, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Charles E. Schumer, Jack Reed, Sheldon Whitehouse, Richard Blumenthal, Richard J. Durbin, Catherine Cortez Masto, Jacky Rosen, Margaret Wood Hassan, Mark Kelly, Benjamin L. Cardin, Brian Schatz, Debbie Stabenow, Angus S. King, Jr., Patrick J. Leahy, Martin Heinrich, Tim Kaine, Gary C. Peters, Chris Van Hollen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Ashish S. Vazirani, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) would have voted "yea."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 67, nays 20, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 243 Ex.]

#### YEAS—67

Baldwin	Grassley	Reed
Barrasso	Hassan	Romney
Bennet	Heinrich	Rosen
Blunt	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Booker	Hirono	Sanders
Brown	Hyde-Smith	Schatz
Burr	Inhofe	Scott (SC)
Capito	Kaine	Shaheen
Cardin	Kelly	Smith
Carper	King	Stabenow
Casey	Klobuchar	Sullivan
Cassidy	Lummis	Tester
Collins	Manchin	Tillis
Coons	Markey	Toomey
Cornyn	McConnell	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Warner
Crapo	Merkley	Warnock
Duckworth	Moran	Warren
Durbin	Murphy	Wicker
Feinstein	Murray	Wyden
Fischer	Padilla	Young
Gillibrand	Peters	
Graham	Portman	

#### NAYS—20

Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Rubio
Braun	Hoeben	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Johnson	Shelby
Cruz	Lankford	Thune
Daines	Lee	Tuberville
Ernst	Marshall	

#### NOT VOTING—13

Blumenthal	Luján	Schumer
Cantwell	Murkowski	Sinema
Cramer	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Kennedy	Risch	
Leahy	Sasse	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH). On this vote, the yeas are 67, the nays are 20.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

# REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 117-3

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on July 11, 2022, by the President of the United States:

Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden (Treaty Document No. 117-3).

I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to its ratification, the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden (the "Protocols"). The Protocols were signed in Brussels on July 5, 2022, on behalf of the United States and the other Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty. Also transmitted for the information of the Senate is an overview of the Protocols by the Department of State. Full ratification of the Protocols will allow Finland and Sweden to become Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty, which outlines NATO's Open Door policy, is part of the doctrinal foundation of the Alliance. It states that Allies may, by unanimous consent, invite any other European State in a position to further the principles of the Treaty and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area to accede. As further explained in the reports on the accession of Finland and Sweden to NATO, transmitted to the Congress on May 19 and July 1, 2022, in light of section 3(2)(E) of the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic of April 30, 1998, Finland and Sweden more than meet these qualifications. They will be net contributors to the Alliance, in both capabilities and resources, and they share critically important values with the United States. Finland's and Sweden's accession will help further United States priorities within NATO.

I ask the Senate to continue working with my Administration in advancing a strong and free Europe by providing its prompt advice and consent to ratification of the Protocols. We are encouraging all Allies to act expeditiously in their own ratification processes as well, given current global consider-

ations. My Administration stands ready to brief and assist you in your deliberations.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 11, 2022.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### RECOGNIZING THE KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the John F. Kennedy Space Center—KSC—for celebrating its 60th anniversary, which we observed on July 1, 2022. While the complex was not named after President Kennedy until November 29, 1963, it was on July 1 six decades ago that the launch operations center on Merritt Island, FL, was created.

Since the Apollo program in 1968, every U.S. crewed orbital spaceflight has launched from the Kennedy Space Center property, making it the unambiguous leader in American spaceflight. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration—NASA—has carried out launch operations for its Apollo, Skylab, and space shuttle programs from Launch Complex 39, managed by KSC's personnel. For the past 60 years, millions of Americans have visited the area to watch astronauts slip the face of Earth and explore the final frontier.

After the retirement of the Space Shuttle program in 2011, the Kennedy Space Center transformed from a government-focused launch base to a multi-user spaceport. Today, it provides a home to more than 90 private-sector partners and nearly 250 partnership agreements in support of different vehicles, systems, and launch providers, enabling a new era of space exploration. The Kennedy Space Center further contributes to our Nation's space program through the Exploration Ground Systems, as well as the Commercial Crew, Exploration Research and Technology, and Launch Services Programs.

As NASA prepares for the launch of Artemis I at KSC, the center remains a cornerstone of Florida's economy by employing thousands of civil servants and government contractors throughout the State's Space Coast.

I express my thanks and deepest gratitude to the many hard-working men and women at the Kennedy Space Center as they continue to advance American space exploration further into the 21st century.

### RECOGNIZING ST. JOSEPH HEALTHCARE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, St. Joseph Healthcare of Bangor, ME, was founded in 1947 by the Felician Sisters with a mission to support the wellness and healing of a patient's mind, body, and spirit. On this 75th anniversary, I congratulate this outstanding institution for carrying out that mission with expertise and compassion.

St. Joseph is a 112-bed acute care community hospital that brings together primary care providers and specialists focused on delivering personalized medicine in more than 30 departments. It is a member of Covenant Health, an innovative, Catholic regional health delivery network that is a leader in values-based, not-for-profit health and elder care.

The St. Joseph story began in 1855 in Warsaw, Poland, when Blessed Angela founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix, an order dedicated to serving the poor, the sick, and the disabled. The Felician Sisters were founded with a particular focus on serving the Polish countryside. St. Joseph Healthcare continues that tradition by its efforts to ensure healthcare services for rural Maine.

St. Joseph's contributions as a healthcare provider are enormous but only part of its mission. The hospital's facilities have been applied to such needs as providing laundry and food services to the area's homeless shelters. A food pantry, an elementary school backpack program, and a community vegetable exchange stand help alleviate food insecurity. St. Joseph's Closet provides patients who are being discharged with needed clothing. The Blessing Bag program provides food, winter clothing, and basic personal hygiene items to homeless emergency room patients.

Countless other acts of kindness complement the St. Joseph mission of meeting the spiritual and religious needs of patients regardless of their beliefs and traditions or spirituality. The 16th century Capuchin friar canonized St. Felix was known in his time as "the saint of the streets of Rome" for his daily journeys through the city dispensing food, medicine, and comfort to the poor, the sick, and the troubled. The dedicated staff and leadership of St. Joseph Healthcare continue that legacy through the streets of Bangor and the country roads of Maine, and I thank them for their blessed service.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HONOR THE EARTH HOMECOMING CELEBRATION AND POWWOW

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Honor the Earth Homecoming Celebration and Powwow. The story of Honor the Earth begins with a small group of Lac Courte Oreilles who wanted a better future for their tribe and their people.

The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe—Ojibwe: Odaawaa-zaaga'iganiing—is one of six federally recognized bands of the large Ojibwe Nation that originally occupied the upper eastern woodlands area of the North American continent. The Treaty of 1854 established the LCO reservation.

In 1971, the LCO community, and other people from neighboring bands and Tribes took over Winter Dam in protest of flooding lands, broken treaties, and desecration of LCO land, people, and traditional livelihood. Eddie Benton-Benaim, supported by the American Indian Movement, helped lead the 5-day effort to take over the dam. This effort led to the renegotiation of the dam license which helped the tribe recover several hundred acres of land, compensation for damages, and the development of Tribal hydro generating project.

The following year, 1972, there was a reunion of the people who had occupied the dam; they called it Honor the Earth powwow. Every year since, the Ojibwa people come together as they have always done; they celebrate with prayers, feasting, songs, dances, and honoring. The 1972 and 1973 powwows were organized as contest powwows and were sponsored by a handful of individuals and then by LCO AIM, LCO Tribal Governing Board, and the St. Paul Red School House, of which Benton was director. In 1974, grounds were broken for what would eventually become one of the largest traditional gatherings of Tribal peoples in the region.

In 1982 the first annual Miss Honor the Earth's ladies competition began at the powwow to showcase the strong and beautiful Anishinaabekwewag—Ojibwe ladies—perform a woodland dance while wearing historical deer dresses.

This year, 2022, we celebrate the 50th Honor the Earth Powwow and the 40th Miss Honor the Earth ladies competition. In so doing, the Anishinabeg, the Lac Courte Oreilles or "Ottawa Lake" Tribe continues to sustain heritage, preserve and utilize the strong Ojibwe language, honor strengths of the past, and embrace a good future. Please join me in celebrating this historically and spiritually important community.

#### TRIBUTE TO EDWARD FERGUSON

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I come to the floor of the Senate to honor an important member of Her Majesty's diplomatic service, Mr. Edward Ferguson. Edward has been the latest in a long line of impressive British diplomats who have furthered the Special Relationship between the United Kingdom and United States.

Edward has served as the Minister Counsellor for Defence at British Embassy in Washington, DC. The Minister Counsellor is the senior Ministry of Defence—MOD—civil servant in the embassy. This position is responsible for aspects of the bilateral defense relationship, paying close attention to

defense strategy; security and operational policy; acquisition and trade.

Since arriving in September 2018, Edward has played a pivotal role in further strengthening the already indispensable United States-United Kingdom defense relationship. As the UK's senior policy adviser on defense relations with the United States, he was responsible for United Kingdom-United States collaboration on strategic planning, nuclear policy and programmes, trade and acquisition, and science and technology. He can point to a number of significant successes on his watch, not least the signing of the Australia-United Kingdom-United States—AUKUS—Agreement.

Prior to his service at the British Embassy Washington, Edward served as Her Majesty's Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2014 to 2018, where he created and led a new international strategy, co-launched by the British and German Foreign Ministers, that re-energised Euro-Atlantic integration after years of stagnation, while stimulating economic growth and reducing high levels of youth unemployment.

From 2011 to 2014, Edward was Head of Defence Strategy and Priorities, where he led two teams, one responsible for leading the MOD's contribution to developing the 2015 National Security Strategy and the Strategic Defence and Security Review and the other for prioritising the MOD's international defence engagement activities.

A former exhibitioner and choral scholar of Trinity College, Oxford, where he was also treasurer of the Oxford Union, Edward graduated with first class honours in classics in 2001. In 2013, he graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science with an MSc with distinction in strategy and diplomacy. He has been a member of the Royal College of Defence Studies—RCDS—strategic advisory panel, a member of the US Air Force Grand Strategy Advisory Board, and is a graduate of the PINNACLE Command and Staff course at National Defense University—NDU.

Edward has served in numerous roles within the Ministry of Defence, starting out in the Iraq Secretariat during the build-up to and subsequent execution of Operation TELIC in 2003. In 2006, he volunteered for an operational tour, serving as political advisor to a British battlegroup in Maysaan Province, Iraq—while his brother was a troop leader with the British Army in Basra. On his return, he took on responsibility for the strategic management of the United Kingdom's bilateral defence relations with the United States, Canada, and Western Europe.

From 2007 to 2009, he worked as Private Secretary to three Defence Secretaries, acting as their closest adviser on issues relating to operations in Iraq, the £6-billion defence equipment programme, science and technology, counterterrorism and counterpiracy.

In 2009, he was appointed the head of Afghanistan and Pakistan policy, responsible for advice to the National Security Council on the policy, financial, legal, parliamentary, and presentational aspects of the UK military contribution to operations in Afghanistan and on the long-term defence role and interests in Pakistan.

Edward has been a key voice engaging on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, particularly with Congress. He has been a strong proponent of increasing the breadth and depth of the bilateral relationship since his arrival at the embassy and has gained many friends and allies in a bipartisan basis throughout Capitol Hill. He has travelled far and wide throughout the heartland of the United States—and has many excellent memories of American hospitality to show for it. His presence and strong support of the Trans-Atlantic Alliance will be sorely missed, but I know he will always be a stalwart advocate for our alliance.

I know I speak for a chorus of voices in the Senate in wishing him, his wife Caroline, and their children, Henry, Tessa, and Mimi well as they transition into their next diplomatic posting.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO SHEILA AND RON WETJEN

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I would like to submit for the record a statement of commendation to Sheila and Ronald Wetjen for recently celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Sheila and Ron were married on February 5, 1972, in Dubuque, IA, and raised five children: Nicholas, Mark, Sean, Melissa, and Amanda. They also now have nine grandchildren: Grace, Cullen, Xavier, Rourke, Reece, Finnegan, Rockwell, Sophia, and Wyatt.

I would like to commend Sheila and Ron for their commitment to each other, their children, their grandchildren, their faith, and their country. Sheila and Ron represent so many of the ideals that gave rise to this great country and bind it together today—the importance of family and an enduring selflessness and faith in others that speaks to a firm commitment to the common good. We wish Sheila and Ron our congratulations all for this great achievement and wish them many more years of faithful marriage.●

##### REMEMBERING ERIC FEAVER

• Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I would like to share a few words today to honor an outstanding leader and friend of mine who recently passed away. Eric Feaver was a force in Montana and a lifelong advocate for educators across our State. He was the former president of Montana's teacher's union who devoted more than 40 years to improving the State's public school system. His commitment to Montana's working

families was tangible and had a profound impact on public policy. It is safe to say the Treasure State wouldn't be what it is today without him.

As a fierce advocate for the labor movement, Eric was an inspiration to fellow labor leaders, politicians, teachers, students, and community members alike. It takes a lot these days to reach across party lines, but Eric consistently worked with those who held different views. Just ask some of the folks who worked with Eric. They will tell you, even though they didn't always agree with him, they respected him.

Raised in Oklahoma and sent to Vietnam as a conscientious objector and U.S. Army combat medic at the age of 23, Eric first planted roots in Montana when he landed a teaching job at Helena Junior High School in 1974. It didn't take long for Eric to find his way into the State's labor movement, where he would spend nearly 50 years helping shape education and union policy.

As a result of Eric's charisma and expertise, he was elected president of the Montana Education Association in 1984, and in 2000, he led MEA to a monumental merger with the Montana Federation of Teachers. As president of MEA-MFT, Eric spearheaded another major merger, which resulted in the creation of the Montana Federation of Public Employees, an organization that today represents more than 25,000 public sector employees. Over the years, Eric continued to bring together folks across Montana. And he managed to do a lot of good for the State's workforce and public schools in the process. But even more than his accomplishments, I think Eric will be remembered for his passion—his genuine commitment to making the Treasure State a better, fairer place to live and work.

I am lucky to have called Eric a friend. His legacy and his friendship have left a lasting imprint on me and so many others. I extend my deepest condolences to Eric's wife, Ellen; their two daughters, Amity and Ashley; two sons-in-law, Rich and TJ; grandchildren, Tristin, Cameron, Braden, Halo, Ethan, and Oliver; and his brothers, Douglas and Edward.

While Eric is no longer with us, he will go down in Montana history as one of the State's greatest labor leaders and champions of public education.

He will be sorely missed.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations, withdrawals, and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 24, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2089. An act to amend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to extend child nutrition waiver authority, and for other purposes.

S. 2938. An act to make our communities safer.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the enrolled bills were signed on June 24, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4176. An act to improve Federal populations surveys by requiring the collection of voluntary, self-disclosed information on sexual orientation, gender identity, and variations in sex characteristics in certain surveys, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5407. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to promote comprehensive campus mental health and suicide prevention plans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6411. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6493. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prevent certain alcohol and substance misuse.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4346) making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4176. An act to improve Federal populations surveys by requiring the collection of voluntary, self-disclosed information on sexual orientation, gender identity, and variations in sex characteristics in certain surveys, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5407. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to promote comprehensive campus mental health and suicide preven-

tion plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 6411. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6493. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prevent certain alcohol and substance misuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on June 24, 2022, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2089. An act to amend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to extend child nutrition waiver authority, and for other purposes.

S. 2938. An act to make our communities safer.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 623. A resolution calling on the Secretary of State to designate the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism.

S. Res. 669. A resolution condemning the use of hunger as a weapon of war and recognizing the effect of conflict on global food security and famine.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 674. A resolution celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Marshall Plan and recognizing the role of the Marshall Plan as the foundation of a transatlantic community committed to the preservation of peace, prosperity, and democracy.

By Ms. STABENOW, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with amendments:

S. 3870. A bill to establish the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters within the Department of Agriculture.

By Ms. STABENOW, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with an amendment:

S. 4030. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a cattle contract library, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 4499. A bill to prohibit any requirement that a member of the National Guard receive a vaccination against COVID-19; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 4500. A bill to expand youth access to voting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.



By Mr. DAINES:

S. 4501. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a means by which nonresidents of a state whose residents may carry concealed firearms may also do so in the State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 4502. A bill to reauthorize the Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren for an additional 4 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. Res. 701. A resolution calling for a democratic transition in the Republic of Chad and standing with the people of Chad; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 129

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 129, a bill to permit disabled law enforcement officers, customs and border protection officers, firefighters, air traffic controllers, nuclear material couriers, members of the Capitol Police, members of the Supreme Court Police, employees of the Central Intelligence Agency performing intelligence activities abroad or having specialized security requirements, and diplomatic security special agents of the Department of State to receive retirement benefits in the same manner as if they had not been disabled.

S. 251

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 251, a bill to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

S. 1079

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1079, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the troops from the United States and the Philippines who defended Bataan and Corregidor, in recognition of their personal sacrifice and service during World War II.

S. 1408

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1408, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate certain limitations with respect to pre-production plastic pellet pollution, and for other purposes.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the designation of general surgery shortage areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1625

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1625, a bill to authorize notaries public to perform, and to establish minimum standards for, electronic notarizations and remote notarizations that occur in or affect interstate commerce, to require any Federal court to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any State, to require any State to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any other State when the notarization was performed under or relates to a public Act, record, or judicial proceeding of the notarial officer's State or when the notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 1795

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1795, a bill to address mental health issues for youth, particularly youth of color, and for other purposes.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to prohibit and prevent seclusion, mechanical restraint, chemical restraint, and dangerous restraints that restrict breathing, and to prevent and reduce the use of physical restraint in schools, and for other purposes.

S. 2052

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2052, a bill to prohibit biometric surveillance by the Federal Government without explicit statutory authorization and to withhold certain Federal public safety grants from State and local governments that engage in biometric surveillance.

S. 2512

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2512, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices and judges of the courts of the United States.

S. 2607

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Louisiana

(Mr. CASSIDY) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2607, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the former hostages of the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979-1981, highlighting their resilience throughout the unprecedented ordeal that they lived through and the national unity it produced, marking 4 decades since their 444 days in captivity, and recognizing their sacrifice to the United States.

S. 2688

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2688, a bill to require consultations on reuniting Korean Americans with family members in North Korea.

S. 2706

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2706, a bill to improve diversity in clinical trials and data collection for COVID-19 and future public health threats to address social determinants of health.

S. 2798

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2798, a bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, and for other purposes.

S. 2956

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 2956, a bill to advance targeted, high-impact, and evidence-based inventions for the prevention and treatment of global malnutrition, to improve the coordination of such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3372

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3372, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida, and for other purposes.

S. 3589

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3589, a bill to require a United States security strategy for the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

S. 3628

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3628, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a grant program to promote comprehensive mental health and suicide prevention efforts in schools, and for other purposes.

S. 3860

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Arizona

(Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3860, a bill to establish a grant program to provide assistance to local governments with fewer than 200 law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 3909

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3909, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make employers of spouses of military personnel eligible for the work opportunity credit.

S. 4161

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4161, a bill to establish effluent limitations guidelines and standards and water quality criteria for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes.

S. 4230

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4230, a bill to establish the Strength in Diversity Program, and for other purposes.

S. 4260

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4260, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools, and other programs, including physician assistant education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 4296

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4296, a bill to reauthorize the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, and for other purposes.

S. 4354

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4354, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, regarding restrictions on the use of funds and facilities of the Department of Defense for abortion care.

S. 4380

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4380, a bill to transition the non-tactical vehicle fleet of the Department of Defense to electric or other zero emission vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 4389

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator

from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 4389, a bill to provide for the abolition of certain United Nations groups, and for other purposes.

S. 4408

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4408, a bill to prohibit data brokers from selling and transferring certain sensitive data.

S. 4441

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4441, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for peer support specialists for claimants who are survivors of military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 4444

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4444, a bill to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes.

S. 4451

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4451, a bill to provide that certain policy statements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall have no force or effect unless certain conditions are met, and for other purposes.

S. 4457

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4457, a bill to protect children from medical malpractice in the form of gender transition procedures.

S. 4467

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 4467, a bill to preserve access to abortion medications.

S. 4469

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4469, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting disinformation in the advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.

S. 4474

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4474, a bill to prohibit the declaration of a Federal emergency relating to abortion.

S. RES. 684

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 684, a resolution reaffirming the importance of the United States to promote the safety, health, and well-being of refugees and displaced persons.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 701—CALLING FOR A DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD AND STANDING WITH THE PEOPLE OF CHAD

Mr. MENENDEZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 701

Whereas the people of the Republic of Chad suffered for three decades under the authoritarian rule of Idriss Deby, whose government was characterized by human rights abuses, rampant corruption, gross mismanagement of government resources, the suppression of civil liberties and fundamental freedoms, including freedoms of peaceful assembly and expression, and internet blockages;

Whereas President Idriss Deby impeded the ability of the people of Chad to change their government by violating constitutionally mandated presidential term limits in 2005, repeatedly postponing legislative elections which were last held in 2011, arresting opposition party members and civil society activists, and organizing presidential elections that were neither free nor fair;

Whereas, from 2016 to 2021, authorities in Chad blocked or limited access to the internet for 911 days, totaling two and a half years, to impede the ability of Chadian citizens to criticize their government, organize public protests, hold their government accountable, monitor presidential elections, or access outside information;

Whereas, under the constitution of Chad, upon President Deby's death on April 20, 2021, power should have passed to the President of the National Assembly to organize new democratic elections;

Whereas, instead of adhering to the constitution, a group of Chadian military officers installed President Deby's son, General Mahamat Idriss Deby, as Transitional Military Council (TMC) president, suspended the constitution, and dissolved the government and National Assembly;

Whereas the actions of Mahamat Deby and the Chadian military in April 2021 constituted a coup d'etat;

Whereas security forces in Chad used excessive force, including live ammunition, against civilians protesting the coup in April and May 2021, killing at least 7 individuals, wounding dozens more, and arresting hundreds;

Whereas the African Union's Peace and Security Council expressed "grave concern" with the establishment of the TMC and stated on May 14, 2021, its "total rejection of any unconstitutional change of government," noting the appointment of a prime minister and "civilian-led Transitional Government" but categorically asserting that no form of extension of the transition period beyond the 18-month timeline of October 22, 2022, would be acceptable, and calling on Mahamat Deby and members of the TMC to commit to not

contesting or taking part in elections transitional authorities are responsible for organizing;

Whereas the African Union reaffirmed on August 3, 2021, the need for the Transitional Government to respect the 18-month transitional timeline for elections in October 2022 and reiterated that members of the TMC “shall not be eligible to be candidates for the elections at the end of the transition”;

Whereas the TMC released from jail approximately 300 people charged with crimes of opinion, terrorism, and harming the State in November 2021, in advance of a dialogue with armed groups in Qatar;

Whereas the TMC and several dozen rebel groups launched a pre-dialogue process in Qatar in March 2022, in advance of an inclusive national civilian dialogue in Chad scheduled for May 2022;

Whereas a peaceful and democratic Chad is essential for the stability and development of Central Africa and the Sahel;

Whereas Chad faces a dire humanitarian crisis due to threats posed by terrorist organizations and armed groups, regional instability, climate change, food insecurity, and decades of internal mismanagement and corruption by former President Deby’s government;

Whereas the April 2021 coup d’etat was inconsistent with the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), which states that AGOA eligible countries must have established or are making continual progress toward establishing the rule of law and political pluralism; and

Whereas United States security assistance to Chad, which has long been prioritized over democracy, human rights, and development assistance, thereby contributing to the militarization of the former Government of Chad, should remain suspended until democratic elections are held and civilian rule is restored: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the April 2021 military takeover in Chad as a coup d’etat;

(2) stands with the people of Chad in their democratic aspirations;

(3) supports the African Union’s call for transitional authorities, including General Mahamat Deby and members of the TMC, to—

(A) organize elections by October 22, 2022, in accordance with the 18-month timeframe articulated by the TMC; and

(B) commit publicly not to stand as candidates in the elections they are responsible for organizing;

(4) calls on General Mahamat Deby and leaders of the TMC to—

(A) immediately release all of those arbitrarily arrested during the April-May 2021 protests;

(B) ensure that security forces respect rights related to freedom of peaceful assembly and expression and hold accountable security force members responsible for excessive use of force or other human rights abuses;

(C) publicly commit not to run in elections;

(D) abide by the 18-month transitional timeline for restoring civilian rule via free, fair, and peaceful democratic elections and return to their barracks;

(E) support an inclusive national civilian dialogue by ensuring that all parties may participate freely and openly;

(F) commit to respecting freedom of expression, opinion, the press, and access to information to include unimpeded internet access for the people of Chad; and

(5) calls on the Secretary of State to—

(A) identify coup leaders and their accomplices and enablers working to undermine a democratic process in Chad for consideration

for visa restrictions and targeted financial sanctions where available;

(B) state publicly that those who perpetrate human rights abuses or works to undermine the democratic process in Chad, including by impeding freedoms of peaceful of assembly, expression, or association, including related to press and access to information, will be held accountable, which could include through visa restrictions and financial sanctions where available;

(C) publicly urge TMC leaders to abide by the 18-month transitional timeline, restore civilian rule, and publicly commit not to run as candidates;

(D) monitor, discourage, and deter any effort by external parties to support the extension of the TMC’s mandate or otherwise delay or interfere with the restoration of civilian rule via free, fair, and peaceful democratic elections;

(E) coordinate with other Federal departments and agencies to—

(i) suspend non-humanitarian bilateral assistance to the Government of Chad, including security assistance, until civilian rule is restored via free, fair, and peaceful democratic elections;

(ii) prioritize support for an inclusive civilian national dialogue by ensuring the participation of opposition party members, civil society leaders, women, and youth;

(iii) prioritize support for a free, fair, and peaceful electoral process by working with electoral authorities, political party representatives, and members of civil society in Chad;

(iv) support, as appropriate, efforts to draft a new constitution;

(v) ensure that the United States bilateral policy towards Chad is fully aligned with the broader policy for the Sahel called for in the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act of 2022 (division AA of Public Law 117-103); and

(vi) ensure future assistance is appropriately balanced between defense, diplomacy, and development; and

(F) direct the Department of the Treasury to use the voice and vote of the United States in international financial institutions to ensure there is a mechanism for civil society to have input into the development and oversight of programs and activities being funded, and that support provided through such instructions prioritize the restoration of civilian rule, including through free, fair, and peaceful democratic elections.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns in my office be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Congress: Elizabeth McAlindon, Jordan Rupli, Steven Szucs, Alexis Vance, Mark Fraenkel and Boaz Campbell.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, and that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later

in the day and morning business be closed; that upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Vazirani nomination, postcloture; further, that all postcloture time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; further, that the Senate recess following the cloture vote on the Dettelbach nomination until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; and that if cloture is invoked on the Dettelbach nomination, all postcloture time be expired at 2:30 p.m.; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday’s session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order following the remarks of Senator PORTMAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. PORTMAN. First, I want to thank my colleague and cofounder and cochair of the Senate Ukraine Caucus for his comments today.

What you just heard was that the White House has sent the application for membership to NATO for Finland and Sweden to the U.S. Senate. It now goes to our committee, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and then, I hope, to the floor soon. I suspect there will be an overwhelming vote because everybody in this Chamber understands the importance not just of NATO expansion but of these two countries in particular.

I thank my colleague for offering those words today, and my hope is we can move very quickly on that.

#### REMEMBERING SHINZO ABE

Mr. PORTMAN. Before we talk about Ukraine, this has been a time over the last couple of weeks since we were last here in session of a lot of change and volatility around the world.

I want to begin by expressing my shock and sorrow over the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. I know I speak for all Americans when I express my deepest condolences to the people of Japan for this tragic loss.

Prime Minister Abe was a dear friend to the United States and a leader in building new coalitions in the Indo-Pacific to support democracies in the region and counter the nuclear threat from North Korea and China’s various malign influences.

When I visited Japan a few months ago with a bipartisan group of Senate colleagues, I saw firsthand the changes

that he brought to Japan that are now beginning to bear fruit: a stronger and more effective national security posture for Japan; a more confident Japan in the region; better trade and security ties, including the quad dialogue with Japan, Australia, the United States and India; and the Indo-Pacific economic framework.

His imprint on Japan and the very special alliance we have with Japan will be long lasting and beneficial to both of our countries.

#### UKRAINE

Mr. PORTMAN. I also come to the floor today, as was noted, to talk about Ukraine. Russia's brutal assault continues. We must do more here, not just in the United States but around the world, to help Ukraine stand up to this brutality.

This marks the 17th consecutive week in session that I have been on the floor to discuss the unprovoked illegal and deadly assault on the people of Ukraine.

This invasion started 138 days ago, and it is more critical than ever that the United States and our allies support the efforts of Ukraine to defend itself against this assault.

Let me just recap briefly the situation on the ground. A lot has happened since we talked a couple of weeks ago. First, here in the north, you can see the light blue, which is the Ukrainian advances. The Ukrainians have been successful in pushing back against the Russian offensive and taking back some of the territory around the city of Kharkiv. This is a critical area, obviously.

Kharkiv is the sister city of my hometown, Cincinnati, OH. I was involved in that sister city arrangement 40 years ago, and it is a beautiful city. It has been almost flattened by the unending and barbaric attacks from Russia.

In the outskirts of Kharkiv, again, Ukrainian forces are not just holding the line but also making gradual advances, same as through here, in Kherson. You can see there is, again, the light blue here that indicates where the Ukrainians have made progress here in the south.

In the south and in Kharkiv, there has been progress made. This is very important in the south here because, as you know, Russia's goal is to try to shut off the entire Black Sea from Ukraine being able to access and, therefore, to continue to be one of the great exporters of the world. They have blocked any passage here of the ships that could be sending wheat and other grains to the rest of the world, including to Africa, where they are very dependent on Ukrainian wheat to keep people from starving, and yet the Russians are blocking these. But these cities are still in the control of Ukraine, and it is essential that continue, that Russia not create a landlocked Ukraine, which would, over the long

term, be incredibly detrimental to the economy of Ukraine. It is vital that they do well there.

I will say, though, that here in the east, it is a different situation. Here is Donetsk and Luhansk, the Donbas region. Here is where Russia has made incremental progress in the last couple of weeks, using, again, bombs and missiles that are flattening cities, killing civilians.

This city of Severodonetsk, you have heard about—it is about right here—has fallen to the Russian forces after a months-long battle in the last couple of weeks.

Its twin city, Lysychansk, which is also in this region, has also fallen, completing Russia's brutal conquest of what is called the Luhansk region. So Donetsk is still partly in Russian control—partly not. Luhansk is now in Russian control.

But it is important to remember this: Russia paid dearly for every inch of Luhansk—by the way, much of which they flattened. They literally destroyed before occupying it. They lost troops, and they lost military equipment.

But, significantly, because taking this area required massive amounts of resources from Russia, it drew attention away from the north—Kharkiv, as we saw, and down here in Kherson.

So it enabled these brave Ukrainian forces in these other places to make progress, not just to hold out against the overwhelming Russian onslaught but to make progress. The Russians have now announced they are in an "operational pause," meaning they are claiming they are going to stop their large-scale offenses until their soldiers have rested.

But as in the past, they can't be trusted. And, in fact, small-scale offensive missile strikes and rocket attacks continue all along this front line.

We also must not downplay even what these sporadic strikes can do. Consider the tragedy that occurred about 2 weeks ago at a shopping mall in the Ukrainian city of Kremenchuk. This is in central Ukraine, the area we just talked about.

As more than 1,000 innocent Ukrainian civilians shopped with their friends and families at this shopping mall, a Russian strategic bomber launched a large Kh-22 missile. Now, this is a long-range, nuclear-capable missile that was initially designed to destroy aircraft carriers—aircraft carriers—and they shot it into the middle of a shopping mall—turned it into a burning inferno. You can see here in this photograph.

As a result of the explosion and the fire, 20 people were killed immediately, and more than 50 were wounded. Dozens more were declared missing. We are still getting the final numbers from this horrific tragedy, but it occurred during the summit of the so-called G7. That is the group of developed countries, larger economies—Japan, United States, and a few European countries—who were meeting to talk about the

issue of Russia and Ukraine, among other things. The G7 rightfully condemned this atrocity as "an abominable attack," an attack on civilians in a shopping mall.

Just yesterday evening in Chasiv, Chasiv Yar, which is a residential town in eastern Ukraine, a Russian rocket attack struck an apartment complex and killed at least 15 people. More than 20 people are believed to be trapped in the rubble as emergency workers continue to work today to be able to free those who were trapped, to try to rescue innocent civilians who are under attack. Again, this is an apartment complex. People are trapped inside it, even as we talk.

These barbaric, cowardly, long-range missile attacks on civilian targets have to be condemned by all of us, but they have to be stopped in two ways. One is by providing Ukrainians what they need in terms of anti-aircraft, anti-missile technology, but also by giving the Ukrainians the ability to use these longer-range missiles themselves.

Right now, the Russians can sit back with impunity and launch these attacks. I join the people of Ukraine in mourning for the loss of these innocent civilians at the hands of Russia's cruelty. The terror, by the way, that is caused by these attacks is not an accident. It is part of the Russian war plan, to cause terror. Striking civilian targets is certainly one thing they are doing. Continuing to blockade those Black Sea ports I talked about is another one, increasing the economic cost of this war on the Ukrainian people.

This is one reason why, by the way, a couple of weeks ago just before we left for the recess, we had a vote in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on a resolution to name Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism. That passed on a bipartisan basis, and my hope is that it comes here to the floor of the U.S. Senate, so we can all go on record, again, condemning what is going on over there and making it clear that Russia has become a pariah country, that this is not normal behavior, even in the tragedy of war.

Striking civilian targets deliberately is, unfortunately, continuing day in and day out.

In response to these brutal acts, the bravery and effectiveness of the Ukrainian defenders has been impressive but not surprising. Think about it. They are defending their families. They are also defending freedom, defending their homeland. The stakes of this war are high, and the fate of a sovereign country hangs in the balance. But I will say today, it is not just about Ukraine, as important as that is. It is bigger than that because, if President Putin is successful in taking more of Ukraine than he already controls—let's see the map again.

If he does, in fact, expand beyond what he has already done, taking Crimea, taking this area of Luhansk and

Donetsk, taking the southern part of Ukraine, he is not going to stop there. I don't think anybody believes that or is so naive to believe that.

In 2016, he stated, "The borders of Russia never end." This was after he attacked Ukraine the first time. That was in 2016.

In a speech claiming victory in May of this year, President Putin painted Ukrainians as Nazis. Remember, the President of Ukraine is Jewish. His family went through the ordeal of the Holocaust.

But he was painting Ukrainians somehow as Nazis, saying that the invasion of Ukraine was inevitable and that he was forced into this conflict by NATO. NATO is not an offensive association; it is strictly defensive.

The disinformation and lies also come from those around him. Vladimir Medinsky, one of President Putin's senior advisers, lamented that Russia's territory was greatly diminished from the time when Moscow controlled more than 14 currently independent nations, including Finland and Poland. This territorial retreat "is not forever," he said.

Europeans are waking up to this one-time unimaginable threat. According to a European Council on Foreign Relations opinion poll conducted 2 months ago, a possible Russian invasion of their nation is seen as one of the top three threats now by 53 percent of Swedes, 54 percent of Romanians, and 40 percent of Germans. I was just in Romania a few weeks ago and got to hear from Romanians directly about this concern.

I also went to Moldova, where there is even more of a concern because there is a Russian-occupied area called Transnistria right along their country. So what can be done to stop and reverse the Russian gains here in the east? The most important issue to me is to help these brave Ukrainians be able to defend themselves by giving them the weapons to level the playing field with Russia so they are not constantly outgunned.

I have heard this from President Zelenskyy. We have all heard it from Russian forces that they are making some progress in the east because they have these weapons, these missiles, and the Ukrainians do not.

We also heard about this from members of the European Parliament who came here to visit us about 3 weeks ago, came to the Ukraine Caucus. We talked about the caucus earlier. We also heard from some fighter pilots who came about 2-and-a-half weeks ago and met with our Ukrainian Caucus. What they need are the weapons to be able to respond.

Their words have been explicit and direct: Russian artillery outguns theirs in terms of range, in terms of accuracy. They can sit back and fire on the Ukrainians' military and civilian targets, and the Ukrainians cannot respond. They cannot reach them. Ukraine needs advanced Western rocket artillery systems to even those odds.

Thankfully, the United States and several of our allies have these exact systems. The UK has some systems. Germany has some systems. Over the past month, the United States has provided Ukraine with several of what are called HIMARS or high mobility artillery rocket systems.

We have got hundreds of these in our inventory, by the way, and many of which are not with active units, in other words, they would be available. These are superior to Russian artillery in almost every way: mobility, reload time, accuracy, and most importantly, range. And yet, during Ukraine's hour of need, we continue to move too slowly.

In the initial tranche of HIMARS, say about 6 weeks ago, only four of these units were announced. They are now in service, as we understand it, and they are working. Four more were announced a few weeks ago, and another four were announced this past Friday. Reports are these are still in transit. They are not yet being used to protect these Ukrainian civilians who are being bombed.

They need more, and they need them now. Several have come from Germany and from the UK; but they need more, and they need them now.

How many do they need? It depends who you talk to, but the Ukrainian military officials who have spoken out on this, who are the experts, say they need at least 48 of these systems to be able to begin to turn the tables in the east. The United States is now committed to 12; only 4 are definitely in place. We need to move faster.

Apparently, there was a lot of discussion within the Agencies, within the White House, about whether to do this or not; that is what took longer for these HIMARS to be approved. My view is we have had the dialogue. These systems are no more escalatory than Javelins were or other weapons. These are defensive weapons. These are the ability for Ukraine to defend itself, and I hope we can continue to provide them and move more quickly. They are working. They are proving their worth.

Let me show you a photograph of what HIMARS can do to Russian logistics. These are images of Russian ammunition dumps exploding after reportedly being struck by missiles from a HIMARS system. Previously, Ukraine could not reach these munition dumps, but now with HIMARS, they can. Striking these ammo dumps can have a devastating impact on Russian forces.

These are depots of weapons that are behind the Russian lines but in the country of Ukraine. And, finally, they can access them. Striking them is going to have a devastating impact. According to Serhii Kuzan, the chairman of the Ukrainian Security and Cooperation Center in Kyiv, Ukraine has used HIMARS rockets to now destroy 20 warehouses of Russian artillery ammunition.

As I said earlier, Russian soldiers are currently in an "operational pause" to

recover and resupply before future offenses, so they say, but they cannot resupply without ammunition.

So destroying these hubs will set Russia's timetables back and buy Ukraine more time to prepare and to receive more Western military equipment like the HIMARS.

These pictures are exactly the proof we need to show that what we are sending is now making a difference. Imagine what they could do if they had enough to be able to truly push back.

These HIMARS systems arrived in Ukraine too late to avoid some of the damage that we have been talking about today and, certainly, some of these cities, like Severodonetsk we talked about that has now fallen to the Russians or Lysychansk, which has fallen to the Russians.

They arrived too late for the thousands of brave Ukrainians who were killed and wounded defending those cities. If we don't act quickly, then future HIMARS rockets will arrive too late to save more Ukrainian citizens, more Ukrainian soldiers, more Ukrainian innocents. Time is of the essence, and I urge the administration not to delay.

Again, I am pleased they are getting those weapons in. I wish it had been sooner. And we now have to encourage more and faster.

When people, understandably, ask about our support for Ukraine, our taxpayer-funded aid to the tune of billions of dollars, they deserve to know that their hard-earned taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely.

In my view, that means spending it on weapons like HIMARS that are actually making a difference on the battlefield. I believe the aid that we and our allies are providing is a wise investment that will pay dividends over time, but let's provide them the right aid.

Ukrainians are defending their country with bravery and skill, exceeding all expectations, and they are ensuring that their country is not being handed over to President Putin. We have to assure them that the United States and their allies are doing all we can to help them save their country.

We know that making any territorial concessions to Russia would only embolden President Putin and other future would-be conquerors. The lesson that they would learn is that with enough patience they can wear down the West and get what we want.

So I was pleased to see 2 weeks ago, when the leaders of the so-called G7 countries—again, U.S., Japan, European countries—stated:

We will continue to provide financial, humanitarian, military, and diplomatic support and stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes.

We saw how territorial concessions in the late 1930s only increased Nazi Germany's appetite, and this is clearly no different.

Russia's goals are not limited to just the Donbas or southern Ukraine. President Zelenskyy clearly understands this. He said to CNN recently:

Ukrainians are not ready to give away their land, to accept that these territories belong to Russia. This is our land.

I could not agree more. In fact, it goes beyond Ukraine. President Putin will conquer as much of the former Soviet empire as we let him. We must stop him here in Ukraine.

With regard to sanctions, the EU is still using Russian oil and gas, sending roughly \$870 million a day to help fund the Russian war machine.

We have the capacity here in the United States to help our partners and shore up our domestic energy production—not only important for Americans to get the cost of gas down with more supply, but also critical for our allies.

We are seeing some small progress, but much more needs to be done to reduce this reliance on Russian energy. By the end of this year, we expect coal and oil to be phased out. The United States must do its part and increase our energy production, while at the same time be a leader in developing new energy technologies that can help reduce emissions and increase national as well as global security.

This is not either or. It should be all of the above. We should be producing what we need right now to ensure that Europe can stop its dependency on Russia and sending this almost a billion dollars a day to fund the war machine, but at the same time we should be producing energy from all sources, including green energy, including nuclear energy.

And like sanctions and military aid, when the United States leads, the world tends to follow. But most importantly, our allies and enemies watch us.

This is true with regard to a revived NATO right now. In fact, in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as we talked about earlier, both Sweden and Finland have applied to join NATO, shunning off long histories of neutrality.

In Brussels, NATO Ambassadors, on July 5, signed the accession protocols that put them a step closer. Now, all 30 NATO nations will review their applications for ratification. Canada, Estonia, Denmark, Norway, and Germany have already ratified Finland and Sweden's applications. Let's join them. Let's do it this week. Let's do it through an expedited procedure and just get it done. I look forward to voting in favor of those applications in committee and on the floor.

We cannot forget that Russia has claimed this war started because Ukraine wanted to join NATO. Of course, they did. They reaffirmed that in 2014 when they threw off a corrupt Russia-backed government. They are looking westward to Europe, to us, to freedom, to democracy. They want to join NATO and the European Union and form ever-closer bonds with the transatlantic community.

I have long believed that NATO deserved a NATO membership action plan

to provide a clear path to eventual NATO membership, and they have made significant progress in doing this. This brutal invasion is just Russia's latest attempt to throw that progress off course. We must not be deterred.

Now, as we enter the fifth month of this war—I have come down here every week to talk about it—we have seen the resilience and the fortitude of the Ukrainians. Even as their brothers and husbands go to fight for the homeland, the women of Ukraine are incredibly brave as well, and I have seen them at the border with Poland; I have seen them at the border with Moldova; and I have seen them as they come to the United States and talk about what is going on in their country. They know this is the fight, during our generation, where democracy is on the line. How this war develops will have far-reaching impact on the entire globe.

In Ohio, I see this all the time. A couple of weeks ago, I was in Cleveland for what was called "Amplify the Voice: A Benefit Concert for Ukraine." We had 1,000 people come to this beautiful Severance Hall, which is the music center for the Cleveland Orchestra, and one of the premier orchestras in the world, by the way. They made the center available to the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus to perform to, again, an audience of people who were Ukrainian Americans but also from every nationality, particularly the nationalities communities, as we call them in Cleveland, which would be people from Eastern and Central Europe who understand the importance of this fight. So Lithuanians were there; Poles were there; Romanians were there; Hungarians were there—people from all over the region.

The concert raised funds for the United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio's Fund to Aid Ukraine. They are doing great work.

It is amazing how many people who spoke who are doing something to help with regard to Ukraine—medical supplies, armored vests, helping with regard to emergency supplies just so people can have enough food to get by when they are subject to some of these bombings we have seen today.

We also heard a beautiful concert. Ukrainians of all stripes certainly understand what is going on and why this is so important and have for a long time because they know what it is like to live under the thumb of authoritarianism. They broke away from it many times during their history and again more recently in 1991 and again in 2014.

I was in Ukraine after the Revolution of Dignity in 2014, where Ukrainians decided for themselves that they wanted to turn away from Russian domination and turn to us.

I believe we can help them win this time. I am confident of it. That is why I have introduced a bipartisan resolution with Senators Manchin, Murkowski, and Hassan to recognize the U.S. commitment to help rebuild

Ukraine. According to the United Nations Human Rights Council, more than 7 million civilians have fled their homeland, and there has been about \$600 billion worth of damage to Ukraine's infrastructure.

By the way, those refugees, those civilians whom I have met—they all want to go home. And in a sense, it is not perfect to call them refugees because they are really just Ukrainians who are temporarily forced to leave their country, but they all want to go home and rebuild Ukraine.

It is not just a human toll we see captured in images and videos, but people's homes and livelihoods have vanished overnight. So they are going to need help. The countries of the free world are with us, and we have to be sure that they step up, including some countries that were less comfortable providing military assistance that are providing more monetary assistance—some of those countries are really going to need to step up in terms of helping to get Ukraine back on its feet.

Now is not the time for us to back away. We have to be able to win this militarily and then begin the rebuilding. It is not a time for us to be tentative or equivocal. At this critical juncture, let's lead our allies to provide what Ukraine needs to protect their homeland and to defend democracy.

I yield the floor.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:51 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILANCIY DANIELLE HARRIS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE KARI A. BINGEN.

##### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PHILLIP A. WASHINGTON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE STEPHEN M. DICKSON, RESIGNED.

##### PUBLIC BUILDINGS REFORM BOARD

JEFFREY R. GURAL, OF NEW YORK, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS REFORM BOARD FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ANN MARIE YASTISHOCK, OF PENNSYLVANIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS AND AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU.

MANUEL P. MICALLER, JR., OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN.

KRISTINA A. KVIEN, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA.



HENRY V. JARDINE, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES.

#### CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

DIANE SUSAN KAPLAN, OF ALASKA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2026, VICE PATRICIA D. CAHILL, TERM EXPIRED.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PATRICE H. KUNESH, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF THE ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE JEAN CAROL HOVLAND.

#### THE JUDICIARY

FRANCES KAY BEHM, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, VICE DAVID M. LAWSON, RETIRED.

TAMIKA R. MONTGOMERY-REEVES, OF DELAWARE, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT, VICE THOMAS L. AMBRO, RETIRING.

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. ANNE B. GUNTER  
BRIG. GEN. LYNETTE J. HEBERT  
BRIG. GEN. CONSTANCE L. JENKINS  
BRIG. GEN. TANYA R. KUBINEC  
BRIG. GEN. JOHN M. OLSON  
BRIG. GEN. DAVID W. SMITH  
BRIG. GEN. AARON G. VANGELISTI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### *To be brigadier general*

COL. MICHAEL P. CRUFF  
COL. HEATH D. FOWLER  
COL. LESLIE S. HADLEY  
COL. LORI C. JONES  
COL. WILLIAM A. MATNEY  
COL. KELVIN D. MCELROY  
COL. ANDREA A. MCMILLIAN  
COL. STEPHEN J. NESTER  
COL. SHANNON OHAREN  
COL. KENNETH J. OSTRAT  
COL. SARAH H. RUSS  
COL. STEPHEN E. SLADE  
COL. DEAN D. SNEGOWSKI

#### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. KEVIN D. ADMIRAL  
BRIG. GEN. ROBERT L. BARRIE, JR.  
BRIG. GEN. CHRISTOPHER G. BECK  
BRIG. GEN. PETER N. BENCHOFF  
BRIG. GEN. TREVOR J. BREDENKAMP  
BRIG. GEN. WINSTON P. BROOKS  
BRIG. GEN. GLENN A. DEAN III  
BRIG. GEN. DAVID S. DOYLE  
BRIG. GEN. PATRICK L. GAYDON  
BRIG. GEN. JERED P. HELWIG  
BRIG. GEN. JAMES P. ISENHOWER III  
BRIG. GEN. RYAN M. JANOVIC  
BRIG. GEN. JOHN D. KLINE  
BRIG. GEN. GAVIN A. LAWRENCE  
BRIG. GEN. KEVIN C. LEAHY  
BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL C. MCCURRY II  
BRIG. GEN. SCOTT M. NAUMANN  
BRIG. GEN. CHRISTOPHER R. NORRIE  
BRIG. GEN. THOMAS W. OCONNOR, JR.  
BRIG. GEN. KEITH C. PHILLIPS  
BRIG. GEN. JETH B. REY  
BRIG. GEN. PAUL T. STANTON  
BRIG. GEN. DAVID B. WOMACK

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS A PERMANENT PROFESSOR AT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 9433(B) AND 9436(A):

##### *To be colonel*

JUDSON C. DRESSLER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### *To be lieutenant colonel*

JIMMY T. ADDISON  
TODD SAMUIL AFSHAR  
BRANDON J. ALFORD  
AMANDA C. ALTMAN  
STEVEN EDWARD APPEBY  
ANDREW T. ATANASOFF

KATHLEEN A. ATANASOFF  
ANDREW D. ATKINSON  
KELLY ELIZABETH ATKINSON  
MATTHEW M. BABCOCK  
ROBERT W. BABER  
KELSI DENISE BAKER  
KEVIN M. BAKER  
ERICA J. BALFOUR  
RICHARD W. BALL  
CARY A. BALSER  
ADAM J. BARR  
KAYLEE E. BAZZELL  
ERIC PRESTON W. BEEBE  
ADAM DAVID BENNETT  
PHILLIP E. BERGERON  
JOHN D. BERTIERI  
ROBERT E. BIRELEY, JR.  
TAYLOR B. BLANK  
BRADLEY D. BLANKENSHIP  
SETH J. BLYDEN  
JOSHUA M. BOHNERT  
GIOVANNI BATTISTA BONDI  
JOSHUA L. BOWMAN  
BRIAN A. BRANAGAN  
KENNETH J. BRANDON  
KYLE J. BREMHOLM  
PATRICIA C. BRENNAN  
ONASSIS E. BRIDGERS  
TERRENCE ANTHONY BRIGGS  
STONE GREYSON BROOKS  
JAMES W. BRYANT, JR.  
JOSEPH A. BUDZYN  
GABRIEL T. BUGAJSKI  
STEVEN M. BURGESS  
ANDREW S. BUTLER  
CHRISTOPHER MATT CARDINALE  
DAVID A. CARDONA  
BRITTANY S. CARTER  
MICHAEL J. CARTER  
NATASSIA N. CHERNE  
TEMESHA R. CHRISTENSEN  
PATRICK J. CLARK  
JOSHUA WAYNE CLAYTON  
WILLIAM B. CLEMENTS  
KRISTIN S. CLINGER  
DAVID C. COTE  
JAMES K. CRAWFORD  
CHRISTINE T. CUBER  
LAURA A. CURRIER  
BRYAN J. DAVIS  
MICHAEL T. DAVIS  
RENA DEHENRE  
STEFAN G. DEPAUL  
SHAWNA J. DRISCOLL  
STEVEN PATRICK DUCKERS  
KEVIN M. DWYER  
ADAM ERTSEY  
JASON T. ESTANQUE  
ROBERT V. EVERHART  
DANIEL R. FISCHER  
DIANA M. FLEMING  
CURTIS A. FLOYD  
DOMINIC R. FOGLIA  
STEPHANIE A. FRAIOLI  
MATTHEW W. FREBERT  
JARED A. FREEMAN  
MEGAN EILEEN GALLAGHER  
STEPHEN J. GARBARINO  
JASON M. GARGAN  
WILLIAM R. GARVEY  
SARAH S. GATES  
JILLIAN GAVA  
DERICK J. GEE  
DOCLEIA GIBSON  
ELIZABETH G. GOEBEL  
SEAN T. GORDEN  
EMILY C. GRABOWSKI  
TRISHA R. GUILLEBEAU  
JUSTIN THEOPOLIS HANDLEY  
EBONY D. HANEY  
ROBERT WILLIAM HANKS  
SCOTT I. HARNED  
MARK W. HARPER  
KYLE B. HART  
MARIKO A. HART  
ASHTON E. HARVEY  
ROBERT G. HATCHLEY JR.  
KEVIN V. HAWKINS  
STEWART C. HAWKINS  
KASIE K. HELLAND  
THOMAS M. HEROLD  
RONALD M. HERSHBERGER  
HOLLY A. HESS  
NATHAN R. HOFFERMAN  
RAYMOND A. HOFFMAN  
TAMARA KAY HOLDEN  
JASON M. HOLMES  
MICHAEL K. HOLTZ  
JEMIN HOU  
JOEL C. HOUSEMAN  
JEROME N. HUNDT  
HEATH R. HUNTER  
VENISE L. HUNTER  
EZEKIEL PONIENIE IGNACO  
AMBER D. JACOBS  
DAVID L. JANOWIAK  
DAVID A. JOHNSON  
DUSTIN P. JONES  
NATHAN T. KANE  
LUCAS M. KARL  
HEIDI M. KAUFMAN  
ADAM ALEXANDER KING  
JUSTIN KLAUITTER  
KALEN L. KNIPPLING  
JEREMY J. KOHNKAMP  
ADAM J. KURZEN  
THOMAS JOSEPH KUTZ

MARC A. LAMELIN  
KELLY C. LAMMERT  
PATRICK J. LANGLEY  
MARK R. LAZANE  
BENJAMIN DAVID LEIBY  
STEVEN L. LEMAIRE  
TAYLOR J. LEONARD  
NEALE C. LINGE  
DARAN K. LINTHICUM  
LINLIN LIU  
DAVID FRANK LISTRO  
RAFAEL L. LOPEZ CRUZ  
DANIEL LOPEZ  
JUSTIN M. LYON  
KEITH THOMAS MAREN  
MARGRET T. MARTIN  
DMITRY MASHARIN  
DAN O. MATER  
PETER W. MATTES  
JORDAN MICHAEL MATTHEWS  
BRETT P. MAY  
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JEREMY L. MCKOY  
CHAD E. MCNALLY  
LAUREN B. MCQUONE  
JOSHUA B. MEENTS  
THOMAS B. MELTZER  
NICHOLAS J. MERCURIO  
RYAN WILLIAM MILLS  
BRITTANY N. MORRIS  
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CHARLES E. NANCE  
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JOEL D. NELSON  
MICHAEL J. O'DONNELL  
KATHERINE L. ONSTAD  
CHRISTOPHER F. OPPENLANDER  
CLINT P. ORMOND  
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ERIC KENNEDY OZBURN  
ASHA G. PADMANABHAN  
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ROSEMARY PEREZ HOWELL  
TIMOTHY ELIAS PETROV  
MATTHEW J. PINSON  
DAVID J. PITTS  
JASON S. PLOSCH  
LEAH B. POUND  
GARY W. PRIEST  
MICHAEL C. QUINN  
JOHN F. RAYHO  
JACOB A. REIGHTER  
LORINDA M. RISDON  
CAROLYN D. ROCCO  
CANDACE F. RODRIGUEZ  
KATLYN E. ROES  
JESSICA M. RUMORE  
GREGORY LYNN TIGNO RUSHING  
MICHAEL C. RYAN  
DAVID S. SALAS  
REDA A. SALEM  
ANASTASIA D. SCHMIDT  
KENNETH L. SCHOLZ  
NANCY D. SCHWAB  
ZACHARY J. SCOTT  
BENJAMIN M. SECRIST  
DACIA S. SEXTON  
YVETTE RHEAMS SHACKELFORD  
CHRISTOPHER A. SIFUENTES  
MARISSA R. SKIDMORE  
MICAH C. SLAYTON  
SCOTT G. SMITH  
KRISTOPHER M. SOUZA  
BRANDON J. SPADER  
NICKY HAMAYASU SPADER  
JOSHUA M. SPLAWN  
MICHAEL L. STAMAT  
SEAN M. STEWART  
TYLER D. STUBBS  
AMANDA DAWN SUNDERLAND  
NICHOLAS S. SWANSON  
ANDRE J. TAYLOR  
CHRISTOPHER R. TAYLOR  
TYLER M. TEBBE  
MATTHEW S. TEMPIA  
QUANG C. TRAN  
DAVID MB TRIER  
KELLEY M. TRUAX  
LUCAS J. VANTASSEL  
JONATHAN E. VAZQUEZ  
BRIAN JAMES WAGNER  
JAROD M. WARD  
CHRISTOPHER C. WEBER  
LACEY L. WHEATLEY  
KARL J. WIEST  
WILLIAM C. WILKERSON  
RYAN E. WILLIAMS  
SEAN A. WILLIAMS  
RYAN S. WILLIS  
SETH WING  
CHRISTOPHER J. WOOD  
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JOANNA J. ZEMEK

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TANISHA T. BRAMWELL BOOSE  
JANESSA H. BRITO  
LINDSEY N. BROWER  
CRAIG M. BRUNSON  
TRENA KAE CAMPBELL  
WILLIAM V. COCHRANE, JR  
MEGAN R. CROUCH  
CRISTINA D. CURL  
JORDAN F. DAVIS  
BIANCA R. DEFOREST  
ALEJANDRO DIEGUEZ  
PETER F. DONOHUE  
MAUREEN E. DOWLING  
FABIANI A. DUARTE  
MARAH J. ERICKSEN  
KELLY N. FENNEL  
ALEXANDRA K. FLESZAR  
CRYSTAL KIM FULFER  
WILLIAM M. FULLER  
FILOMENA M. GEHART  
LUKE GILHOOPLY  
TAWNIE R. GULIZIA  
CARLY E. HAVENS  
MATTHEW W. HENRY  
CLINTON C. HICKS II  
MORGAN WALL HICKS  
CURTIS JASON HINCA  
THOMAS J. HOESMAN  
ROSS P. HOOGSTRATEN  
KIMBERLY N. HOPKIN  
DELANIE B. HOWELL  
STEPHANIE X. HUANG  
ANDREW L. IRVINE  
ASHLEY N. JOHNSON  
EMILY K. JOHNSON  
JAMES K. JORDAN IV  
GREGORY G. JUSTIS, JR  
LOUISE HENRIETTA LAPITAGA  
MICHELLE MILLER LAURENCE  
JOHNCHARLES M. LAWS  
IRENE M. LISCANO  
KRISTINA MICHIKO LUDWIG  
WHITNEY L. MANLEY  
STEPHANIE C. MARRO  
TREVOR A. MAXWELL  
MARILYN S. MCCALL  
CYNTHIA A. MCGRATH  
CORIANNA KUBASTA MILLER  
CONTESSA T. MONROE  
RICHARD J. MORIARTY  
PORTIA T. MULLINGS  
LOGAN D. MYRICK  
OLADIPO O. ODEJIDE  
MATTHEW H. ORMSBEE  
ASHLEY ELI OWEN CUNNINGHAM  
RACHEL J. PALACIOS  
ALEXANDER A. PERKINS  
CHRISTOPHER J. PIROG  
MARCELINA RIVERA CHAMBERS  
REBECCA J. SAATHOFF  
TIMOTHY K. SHAW  
JACLYN C. SITJAR  
SLOAN W. SMITH  
TYLER D. SMITH  
MATTHEW J. SNELL  
CLAIR M. STROM  
TIFFANY D. SYKES  
KEVIN Z. TEMAUL  
ELSPETH GLYNIS THEIS  
WILLIAM R. THOMPSON  
ZACHARY T. THURBER  
KRISTINA M. TORPY  
JESSICA E. VASIL  
JACQUELINE G. WALDMAN  
CURTIS R. WIDENER  
JUSTIN P. WIER  
ROENIKA C. WIGGINS  
NATHAN K. ZAHRT  
CHRISTINA S. ZANIC  
JULIA M. ZIEGLER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR  
FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

MICHAEL ANTOINE BRADFORD  
ALBERT C. CHANEY  
NICHOLAS E. CONOVER  
BRIAN DOUGLAS CONTIVAL  
MATTHEW F. DITSON  
PETER J. DOBBINS  
NICHOLAS B. EDWARDS  
NICHOLAS W. GYDESEN  
BRIAN J. MARLOW  
ERNEST B. MARSH  
CHRISTOPHER KLEINE MEZAK  
ROSS V. MILLARD  
WILLIAM DAVID NOVAK

ROBERT J. ODELL  
LEE C. PAYNE  
JULIO C. PEREZ  
DUSTIN S. PUETT  
ANDREW J. STEVENS  
JORDAN K. TABAYOYON  
JESSICA L. TIFFANY  
FRANK A. TIMOTHY  
MELISSA D. URBANSKY  
MICHAEL THEODORE URBANSKY  
STERLING D. WILLIAMS  
ZACK R. WORD  
JEREMY N. WYATT  
JOSEPH R. ZITO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR  
FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

JUSTIN D. ATWOOD  
RYAN R. BAMFORD  
LYNDSEY R. BANKS  
EDUARDO BARAJAS  
JOHN R. BERG  
ROSS M. BIECHLER  
ANTHONY C. BOWMAN  
JOSHUA PHILIP BRADY  
CESAR O. CARVAJAL  
DAVID W. DEAL  
MICHELLE R. DRYDEN  
ADAM W. GREER  
WILLIAM PETER GROTH  
JAMES RAY HENLINE  
DANIEL M. HICKMAN  
CASSANDRA R. HIDALGO  
MAXIMILIAN E. HINTON  
ARIES CALDERON HOPF  
SEAN E. KIM  
KASEY C. KING  
CELESTINE KRISTY LUKSHIS  
ERIN K. MOUBRY  
THOMAS M. NOLTA  
JOHN C. OEFFINGER II  
MATTHEW T. PATE  
DANIEL WESLEY PURVIS  
JULIE A. ROLOSON  
CLAUDIO V. SANTO  
ADRIEL B. SCHOENHALS  
ANGEL E. SERNA  
JONATHAN L. SKINNER  
ROY E. STONE  
ZACHARIAH A. THULI  
CHERYL A. WATKINS  
ROSANNA M. WILLIAMS  
DAVID J. YU

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OFFI-  
CERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN  
THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.  
S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

*To be colonel*

DOUGLAS D. DEMAIO  
ADRIA P. ZUCCARO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR  
FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be major*

KEITH A. DEERING

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE  
ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

RAYMOND A. DEGENNARO II

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE  
ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

KESLER WEAVER, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE  
ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

WILLIAM M. HARRIS, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE  
ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

LANCE M. KUNZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
AS CHAPLAINS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND  
7064:

*To be major*

JOHN T. AASMAN  
PETER B. ADAMS  
WILLIAM H. ANDERSON  
CECIL E. AVERY  
TIMOTHY J. BARANOSKI  
LUKE J. BASLER  
MICHAEL W. BIELEFELD  
EDWARD C. BLACKLEDGE  
BRAD H. BOYER  
ROBERT P. BOYLES II

TYLER F. BRIZZEE  
JAMES A. BROWN  
MATTHEW S. BURDEN  
JAMES G. BURKE  
ROBERT C. CAIRNS  
ARIEL T. CASTILLO  
DANIEL I. CHO  
HYUNG J. CHOI  
DAVID C. CLEMENT  
RICHARD T. DANIEL  
DAVID M. DERIENZO  
JOSEPH S. DOUTHITT  
DAVID J. DYRENFORTH  
WARWICK B. FULLER  
DONALD FULTON  
JONATHAN K. GRAHAM  
JORDAN L. HENRICKS  
TIMOTHY KIM  
YOUNG H. KIM  
TRAVIS J. KIRKMAN  
CHRISTOPHER S. KITCHENS  
ADAM G. LANGLEY  
THOMAS J. LATHERS  
JOSEPH C. LIVELY  
JONATHAN J. LORENZ  
ALAN R. MCCLELLAND  
RYAN E. MILLS  
BRETT M. NEWMAN  
SCOTT F. NORMAN  
STEPHANIE R. OKOLO  
TSUNGYU P. PAN  
YOUNSOO PARK  
BRIAN S. PHIPPS  
COLLIE J. POLK  
DAVID T. REYES  
DAVID N. RUDERMAN  
RYAN E. SAMPLES  
JONATHAN SECREST  
SAMUEL D. SIEBO  
JOHN H. SILVEY  
MICHAEL S. SMITH  
RONALDO N. TERRADO  
CYNTHIA M. TURNER  
JOHN D. ULRICK  
CHRISTOPHER WASHBURN  
LUKASZ J. WILLENBERG  
JOSEPH L. WINGO  
CHRISTOPHER J. YEARGIN  
PAWEL J. ZEMCZAK  
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
VETERINARY CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U. S.C., SECTIONS  
624 AND 7064:

*To be major*

SARA R. A. ALMCRANTZ  
ALYSSA H. BALZER  
CATHERINE R. BARICH  
ADRIENNE E. BARRETT  
TIMOTHY A. BECK  
BETH M. BYLES  
LESLIE O. COLLET  
KATHERINE W. FERREIRA  
KAITLIN M. FOLEY  
DANICA L. GOODHEART  
THERESA C. HUBBELL  
MORIAH N. KAUFMAN  
BRANDI R. MIATKE  
STEVEN C. MILLER  
GRACIELA G. ORANTES  
AMIE M. PFLAUM  
ELIZABETH M. PUNGER  
MATTHEW E. PUTNAM  
KAYLEE A. QUINN  
RACHEL F. REITER  
KALI K. SLAVIK  
KATHLEEN A. STEWART  
EMILY K. SWAN  
SAMANTHA WARNER  
HEATHER L. WEAVER  
NICHOLE M. WILLIAMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C.,  
SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

*To be major*

SHANEE E. ALLEN  
MICHAEL D. BELL  
JEREMY K. BETTERS  
JOHN C. BOCKMANN  
SETH A. BROWN  
MIKALAE K.H. BRUNO  
MICHAEL C. BRYANT  
JENNAH R. BULEN  
BRIAN CALANDRA  
BRENT P. CALL  
DAVID L. CARTER  
NICHOLAS P. COFFEY  
NICOLLE M. CURTIS  
GREGORY M. DOMBROSKI  
RAYMOND T. GILLEN  
ROBERT L. GIPSON  
NATHAN M. GLASSLEY  
JOEL W. HANNA  
JULIUS L. HARDI  
THOMAS G. HARTLEY, JR.  
MATTHEW G. HENDERSON  
JULIE A. JASZENOWSKI  
BRYAN D. JOW  
KAYE. KERSTENS  
OLIVIA M. KLINKHARDT  
JOSHUA R. KNISS  
SETH E. KNOWLES

DAVID T. KORB  
DANIEL D. LILLEY  
NELSON A. LIUZZO  
JOSHUA I. LOCKWOOD  
DANIEL J. MASELLI  
MEGHAN E. MATTHEWS  
DWAINE G. MCCALL  
JOHN D. MCFALL  
ASIA M. NAKAKURA  
MICHAEL I. OATES  
RAYMOND J. OBERLE  
ERIK P. OLIVAS  
MANDY L. PEARSON  
SCOTT R. PEARSON  
LAURA A. PERNELLI  
EMILY SANCHEZ  
DOMINIQUE F. SCUTELLA  
STEVEN M. SELF  
GRANT E. SMITH  
JEFFREY M. SOBOLESKI  
JOSHUA B. SOMMA  
BROOKE A. SORRELL  
DOUGLAS J. SPENCER  
JOSHUA A. SPRINGER  
STEVEN J. STANWICK  
ERIN J. STONE  
GABRIEL VALDEZ  
CESAR E. VELIZ  
ASHLEY N. WHEELER  
ROBERT A. WHITEHURST  
CHRISTINA R. WHITLER  
DANNY D.H. WU  
DOUGLAS B. YATES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

*To be major*

JERMAINE ADAMS  
KEHINDE A. ADESINA II  
OBINNA L. ADUBA  
FALEATUA AFOA  
NICHOLAS A. ALBERS  
GREGORY B. ALLEN, JR.  
PATRICK S. ANDERSON  
RICHARD K. ANTHONY  
MARIE A. ARCEO  
DANIEL W. ARGUELLO  
DONALD A. BEASLEY  
TRACY A. BEGEN  
CLAYTON R. BENDER  
JAMIE M. BENNETT  
EDWARD C. BENNETZ  
ARIEL T. BERGERON  
LACEY L. BLEW  
SUSAN M. BORCHARDT  
BENJAMIN A. BOULT  
CLAIRE V. BRINDLE  
JOSEPH R. BROCHU  
CHRISTOPHER A. BROWN  
COTRENA Y. BROWNJOHNSON  
EMILY S. BURKHARDT  
PETER A. CALLAWAY  
ORAN B. CARROLL II  
SIDHARTHA CHAUDHURY  
SAMANTHA W. CHAVIS  
SUVOG J. CHHETRI  
CHRISTOPHER H. CHILDS  
ALEXANDER T. S. CHOW  
WILLIAM H. CLODFELTER  
ERIC A. COATE  
ROBERT G. COCKERHAM  
JESSICA A. COLOCHO  
MYTHIA M. CONLEY  
LAUREN A. CONNER  
JUSTIN W. COOPER  
JESSICA A. DARBOUZE  
JULIE A. DEDERER  
ALEC M. DEGROOT  
ALEXANDRA DELAO  
ASHLEY R. DENOYER  
AMANDA K. DIETZEN  
JOSHUA S. DILLARD  
GENEVA D. DUNIGAN  
WENDY K. DWIGANS  
ZACHARY D. EOUTE  
SAMUEL C. ERICKSON  
TYLER R. FONSECA  
KYLE U. FORTNER  
ADAM C. FREED  
TRENTON J. GAASCH  
DAVID R. GILL  
GERROD D. GOMEZ  
MARITZABEL GONZALEZ  
ROSAIMY M. GRADY  
JANAY GUSME  
CHAD A. HALE  
DANIEL N. HAMILTON  
MEGAN K. HARDESTY  
DANIEL S. HARRITT  
KYLE H. HASHIMOTO  
KEVIN HAUNS  
JESSICA A. HELSEL  
AMY L. HENNINGER  
RYAN M. HERNANDEZ  
PATRICK T. HORNSBY  
JOSHUA M. HUEY  
ELIZABETH F. HUNT  
SEAN C. HUNT  
STEPHANIE L. HUTCHESON  
DANIELLE E. IVENZ  
JAMES R. JORDAN  
ANDREW J. KAHNUE  
TRACI L. KAISER  
JACKEE L. KARST

PUCHENG KE  
MICHAEL J. KEHOE  
AMANDA L. KELLY  
KAITLYN A. KERR  
JUSTIN R. KNAPP  
LEYLA M. KOSAKOWSKI  
BENJAMIN J. KRZECZOWSKI  
JOHN P. LAMMERS  
JOHN W. LEBAUPE  
JENNA C. LEWIS  
JUSTIN R. LUMEN  
SUSANNA LUU  
ZACHARY J. MARKLEY  
BENJAMIN C. MARTINELLI  
GILDEBRANDT MARTINEZ III  
HEIDI S. MARTINEZ  
MARISSA L. MAZZOLA  
RYAN MCPHEETERS  
KENNEDY S. MDAKI  
STEPHANIE C. MEYER  
CARMELO P. MORABITO, JR.  
KATHY M. MORALES  
KIMBERLY A. MORFIN  
ANNETTE M. MOTT  
MAUREEN A. MULHOLLAND  
MD A. NAHID  
THOMAS H. NASSIF  
BRANDON Z. NESRSTA  
SEAN P. OGDEN  
DANIEL OH  
JILLIAN M. OHARA  
DAVID T. OHEA  
SANDRA O. ONYE  
JEFFREY M. OSGOOD  
YUNFENG PAN  
SONG A. PARK  
KALANI A. PARKER  
BRANDEN S. PASSONS  
LAURENTI L. PATTON  
RACHEL R. PAVAO  
KATLYN C. PEARSALL  
SARAHLOUISE P. PEREZ  
MICHAEL C. PIKUL  
AARON J. PRICE  
ANGELA M. PRIOR  
RACHEL L. PROKOP  
SETH C. PROSSER  
JENNIFER S. RAFN  
JASON L. REEVES  
DEREK E. REMLINGER  
TIA R. RHODES  
ASHLEIGH N. ROBERTS  
ZACHARY A. ROBINSON  
DAVID J. RODRIGUEZCARDONA  
NICOLE H. SCARO  
NICHOLAS J. SCHAEFER  
CASSANDRA L. SCHIMSA  
ALYSSA M. SCHLEGEL  
THEODORE S. SCOTT  
ERIN N. SHEFFER  
ANGEL I. SMITH  
MATTHEW D. SMITH  
WESLEY D. SNOW  
SADE E. SOARES  
KENNETH J. STGERMAINE  
JENAE V. STILES  
REBECCA L. STRATFORD  
SHALONDRA C. SUTO  
JASEN L. SWANSON  
ELIZAVETA Y. TARASOVA  
BRIAN D. TILLY  
TABATHA S. TRICE  
JAMES A. TWITCHELL  
USORO E. UDO  
THOMAS M. VALENTINE, JR.  
SAMUEL B. VANGORDON  
IGOR VASILJ  
MARTHA L. VILLAFRADEBLUME  
JACOB G. VINCENT  
ALEXANDER C. VOS  
JON M. VOSS  
ANDREW T. WAITE  
LOUIS L. WELDON  
RYAN J. WELLS  
CASEY J. WILGENBUSCH  
RACHEL E. WILSON  
JOSHUA C. WOOD  
QWANQUITA T. WRIGHT  
GUO Q. XU  
CHALEE YIMYAM  
KEVIN A. ZUNIGA  
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

*To be major*

FRANCES K. ALFARO  
BRANDON A. ANDRIULLI  
LOGAN G. BEISWANGER  
JEEVAN BHATTA  
HENRY D. BIEMANN  
JULIANNE C. BIENIEK  
JAMES M. BILLS  
MICHAEL D. BIRD  
AMANDA M. BISCHOFF  
ANDREW J. BLAIR  
CHERISE J. BLAIR  
HEATHER C. BLANCHARD  
MORGAN A. BOBINSKI  
TAYLOR A. BOBINSKI  
ALMA L. BOONE  
GEORGE R. BRAGDON  
MIA C. BROWN

CODY M. BUFFENBARGER  
JEFFREY E. BURKE  
MELISSA A. BURKETT  
ADAM L. BUSBY  
TUDOR V. BUZULOIU  
STEPHEN P. CAMPBELL, JR.  
BRYNNE M. COAKER  
MARIA S. COLE  
STEPHANIE A. CORSARO  
NATHAN A. COX  
CHASE J. CRADEUR  
DAVID M. CREWS  
ALLISON E. CROW  
LEEANNA C. DANIEL  
TACCARRA R. DAVENPORT  
LISA L. DEGROOT  
SARAH R. DIAMOND  
DEBORAH J. EDWARDS  
SHANNON E. EOUTE  
MARY T. FANTAZIA  
REGINE FAUCHER  
CHARICE L. FENTON  
THAIS R. FLETCHER  
MAYFLOR S. FRANCE  
ADAM C. FRAZIER  
MITCHELL P. GALE  
SHANTYL M. GALLOWAY  
ROBERT M. GENZEL  
EDWARD K. GITHIORA  
CURTIS R. GLENN  
JOSHUA A. GOLDBERG  
JULIE P. GOODE  
GENA N. GOODSON  
KELVIN B. GOODSON  
CAROLINE E. HAFENBRACK  
JARROD S. HALL  
SUBALTERN S. HALL  
ANDREW R. HANSON  
KRISTAL D. HARPS  
JENNIFER E. HENSEL  
SAVANAH B. HESS  
JONATHAN S. HOGAN  
ANDREW P. ISAACS  
HOLLIE J. JACKSON  
VICTORIA A. JONES  
TANNER W. KERR  
KYLE C. KINAS  
TYLER R. KING  
TROY A. LAMBERT  
RACHEL L. LAZAR  
KEVIN W. LEWIS  
MAXIMILLIAN J. LILLY  
JESSICA E. LITTLE  
NICOLE E. LUKAS  
ANGELA M. MANSINGH  
STARLETTA A. MARTIN  
SARAH G. MATULIS  
ALEXANDRIA L. MCCAMPBELL  
EBONIQUE K. MCCLINNAHAN  
WILLIAM C. MOREO  
ASHLEY A. MORRIS  
THOMAS J. MURGEL  
MEREDITH M. MYATT  
HOLLY E. NESMITH  
SUSHMA T. NEUPANE  
TRUNGVIET J. NGUYEN  
ANNMARIE A. NORRISROY  
MARISON I. PARREL  
MELISSA M. PENNEY  
COURTNEY M. PERNIA  
FARLEY A. RAQUEL II  
KIMBERLY M. RAYMOND  
BRITTANY N. RESSEL  
DANIEL A. REYNA  
NATALIE RICHMEIER  
TERESA RIOSRODRIGUEZ  
ISIS M. ROSARIO  
CHRISTOPHER E. ROSSELOT  
NIKOLAS J. ROUMELL  
COURTNEY R. SALTER  
JULIA K. SANDOVAL  
JARED R. SCHNEIDER  
RICHARD SHANNON  
CAROLYN M. SHORTER  
RYAN M. SINTEFF  
MONICA N. STEADMAN  
JEFFREY J. THIBEAU  
ERICK E. THRONSON  
JONATHAN B. TRIPLETT  
AMANDA S. VANDEWALLE  
SHAWN M. VEACH  
KIMBERLY M. WAECHTER  
ERIC WANG  
MIRIAM R. WARD  
JASON R. WEBB  
JESSICA R. WEINMAN  
JENNIFER K. WILLIAMSON  
PAUL D. WILLMS  
PAUL J. YI  
SHAI ZILKA  
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IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be captain*

TIMOTHY M. FLINTOFT  
JAMES H. KIRBY  
EDWARD M. PIERCE  
JUSTIN PILLING  
ERIN C. QUAY  
MICHELE V. ROSEN  
MARYANN M. STAMPFLI  
CHAD C. TEMPLE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be captain*

KRYSTAL M. BAUMAN  
VIRGINIA H. DAMIN  
JAMES J. DRISCOLL  
JERVIA I. FICKENS  
BETH A. HOFFMAN  
JEREMY M. KILDAY  
SOPHIA M. LAWRENCE  
SHANE E. LAWSON  
DANIEL S. MCCLURE  
TRACY M. MCCULLOUGH  
TARA N. MCGINNIS  
MERIDETH L. MILLER  
MARY R. MORTIMER  
KATHERINE E. NOEL  
KRISTINA R. OLIVER  
KENNETT D. RADFORD  
RODOLFO G. SANJUAN  
EDGAR O. SANLUIS  
MISTY D. SCHEEL  
HEATHER A. SHATTUCK  
BROOKES A. WILLIAMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be commander*

ANDRE M. AGRAVIADOR  
PAUL I. AHN  
JULIO A. ALARCON  
JOSEPH T. BALLARD  
SHAMIRE E. BRANCH  
DAVID P. BUNDY  
MICHELLE C. CALARASU  
JUN Y. CHEN  
JAMES C. COLEMAN  
ANDREW B. DRODDY  
EVERETTE T. ERVIN  
LISA T. GREEN  
CECILIA X. L. HU  
SAMUEL S. T. KIM  
MATTHEW B. KOHLMANN  
SIMON Y. KWAK  
TONY T. G. LE  
INARAQUEL MIRANDAVARGAS  
VICTORIA E. MOORE  
TRAVIS L. RAINEY  
JEFFREY M. RYAN  
CARLSON E. SCHINDLER  
PATRICK T. SULLIVAN  
REBECCA I. SUMMERS  
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 JASON Q. MCCLINTIC  
 TANYA W. MCKNIGHT  
 KYLE M. MILLER  
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 ANDRES A. OTERO  
 LUKE C. OZECK  
 JAVAN A. RHINEHART  
 DAMIAN G. SUMMERSOSLEBO  
 CHRISTOPHER R. TOCKEY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
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WILLIAM A. BOWEN III  
 SILAS O. CARPENTER  
 MAUREEN M. DERKS  
 SCOTT G. ELWELL  
 ALEJANDRO L. GUTIERREZ  
 IAN R. HIGGINS  
 LUCAS M. JUNG  
 KRISTA B. KALICK  
 EVAN A. KARLIK  
 MICHAEL J. LINDSEY  
 TRENT T. METLEN

JOHN L. NEUBERT  
 KEVIN A. RASPET  
 JEFFERY J. RIGGS, JR.  
 COURTNEY R. STALTER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
 TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
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*To be commander*

TODD M. ANDERSON  
 DAVID T. DOYLE  
 LINCOLN S. ENDECOTT  
 ARISTILE S. GUIDRY  
 VAN J. HOWARD  
 JASON JACDEDT  
 COURTNEY A. JOHNSON  
 TOBY L. NEWTON  
 DANNIE T. STIMSON  
 JESSE L. WHITFIELD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
 TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
 UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be commander*

JESSICA B. ANDERSON  
 MATTHEW A. COMER  
 DANIEL L. DAY  
 RYAN R. P. DEVERA  
 DESIREE E. F. FRAME  
 JULIANNE J. HOLLAND  
 AMBER J. LEWIS  
 DAWN M. STANKUS  
 AMELIA E. UMayAM

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
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*To be captain*

THOMAS E. ARNOLD  
 SYLVESTER BROWN, JR.  
 DAVID M. CARROLL  
 ABDUL R. CEVILLE  
 TANYA K. CORMIER  
 ANTHONY R. DICOLA  
 MONICA M. FREY  
 DAVID S. FUCHS, JR.  
 WILLIAM M. JAKUBOWICZ  
 EDELIO P. JOLOYA  
 MARCUS L. JONES  
 CHRISTOPHER M. LOUNSBERRY  
 TAQUINA T. LUSTER  
 DEBORAH K. MCIVY  
 DANIEL W. METZ  
 OWEN B. MORRISSEY  
 SEAN A. NEER  
 CHRISTOPHER A. NEWELL  
 SEAN J. NUILA  
 ANDREW J. OSWALD  
 ANDREW M. PHILLIPS  
 JECISKEN RAMSEY  
 KEVIN C. RICHARDSON  
 DENA B. RISLEY  
 JOSEPH K. SPEDE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
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*To be captain*

ALAN CAMERON  
 CHRISTOPHER S. CAUBLE  
 PAUL B. GREER  
 CHRIS E. HESTER  
 BRIAN L. JACOBSON  
 TAVIS J. LONG  
 MICHAEL Q. OBANNON  
 STEVEN L. ROBERTS  
 MARGARET E. SIEMER  
 MATTHEW S. WEEMS  
 ARTHUR L. WIGGINS, JR.  
 LEROY C. YOUNG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
 TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
 UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be captain*

JOHN H. BEATTIE  
 BLAKE E. BURKET  
 KENDALL C. CHAPMAN  
 LAKEEVA B. GUNDERSON  
 BENJAMIN P. HOFMAN  
 KENNETH F. HONEK  
 WEURIELUS D. JOHNSON  
 ROBERT D. KLEINMAN  
 ANGELIQUE N. MCBEE  
 JONATHAN D. NIEMAN  
 ANDREW W. OLSEN  
 KENT R. SIMODYNES  
 CORTNEY B. STRINGHAM  
 JAMES R. SULLIVAN  
 MATTHEW C. TOLHURST  
 BENJAMIN V. WAINWRIGHT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
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*To be captain*

JAVIER LOPEZMARTINEZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
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*To be captain*

WENDY A. ARNOLD

SHAWN A. BELVERUD  
 SHANNON R. BLACKMER  
 MARK E. BOMIA  
 MATTHEW J. BRADLEY  
 TIMOTHY M. BURKHART  
 MELISSA A. BURYK  
 JACOB J. CARMICHAEL  
 JEFFREY C. CHAO  
 ALDEN V. CHIU  
 FRANCESCA M. CIMINO  
 SHAWN S. CLAUSEN  
 PETER M. COLE  
 DERRICK H. COLMENAR  
 SEAN P. CONLEY  
 BRADLEY K. DEAFENBAUGH  
 MARK R. DEBUSE  
 RODERICK H. DOSS  
 THOMAS J. DOUGLAS III  
 JONATHAN D. ERPENBACH  
 TODD A. FELLARS  
 JOSEPH D. FITZPATRICK  
 DAVID T. FOSTER  
 ROBERT M. GALLAGHER  
 JOSHUA P. GARLAND  
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 CHARLES F. GOULD, JR.  
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 MICHAEL B. KIM  
 JENNIFER F. M. KLIMPEL  
 BUDDY G. KOZEN  
 MATTHEW A. KUETTEL  
 JUSTIN P. LAFRENIERE  
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 JASON R. LEFRINGHOUSE  
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 STEPHEN L. LEWIS  
 VICTOR S. LIN  
 DAYNA T. LOBRAICO  
 ROBERT E. LOVERN  
 TAKMAN E. MACK  
 LISA M. MONDZELEWSKI  
 KATE E. OLIVER  
 JASON P. PALMER  
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 CALEB J. PODRAZA  
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
 TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
 UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be captain*

TERESITA ALSTON  
 ROBIN C. BENNETT  
 JOSHUA E. COHEN  
 DEREK T. FAGEN  
 MICHAEL B. FLANNERY  
 BENJAMIN M. GRAY  
 JAYSON H. HUBER  
 BROOK W. JONES  
 ANDREA D. LISELL  
 JASON W. MATHYS  
 JENNIFER L. MCGUIREHAVEMAN  
 KITTIMA B. MORTON  
 BARRY E. PETERSON  
 GREGORY E. RINGLER  
 ANGELA M. ROLDANWHITAKER  
 ANDREW D. SILVESTRI  
 DEREK D. SODEN  
 SARA A. STIRES  
 SHAWN D. TEUTSCH  
 PHILLIP S. TIMMONS  
 JOSHUA C. TREESH  
 WALTER B. VOLINSKI, JR.  
 EVAN R. WHITBECK  
 DONAVON A. YAPSHING

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
 TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
 UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be captain*

CLEMIA N. ANDERSON  
 KEVIN S. BAILEY  
 MARIA L. BAREFIELD  
 KATHRYN A. BARNES  
 JUSTIN S. CAMPBELL  
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 ROBERT E. COMEAU  
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NAVY RESERVE  
UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be captain*

CHRISTOPHER J. KANE

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MA-  
RINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be colonel*

DOMINIQUE B. NEAL

WITHDRAWALS

Executive Message transmitted by  
the President to the Senate on July 11,

2022 withdrawing from further Senate  
consideration the following nomina-  
tions:

JAMES A. DIOSSA, OF RHODE ISLAND, TO BE A MEMBER  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES MADISON  
MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EX-  
PIRING OCTOBER 3, 2024, VICE HARVEY M. TETTLERBAUM,  
TERM EXPIRED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON  
JULY 15, 2021.

ED GONZALEZ, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SEC-  
RETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE SARAH R.  
SALDANA, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANU-  
ARY 4, 2022.

RAYMOND M. JEFFERSON, OF HAWAII, TO BE UNDER  
SECRETARY FOR BENEFITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS, VICE PAUL R. LAWRENCE, WHICH  
WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON MARCH 21, 2022.